

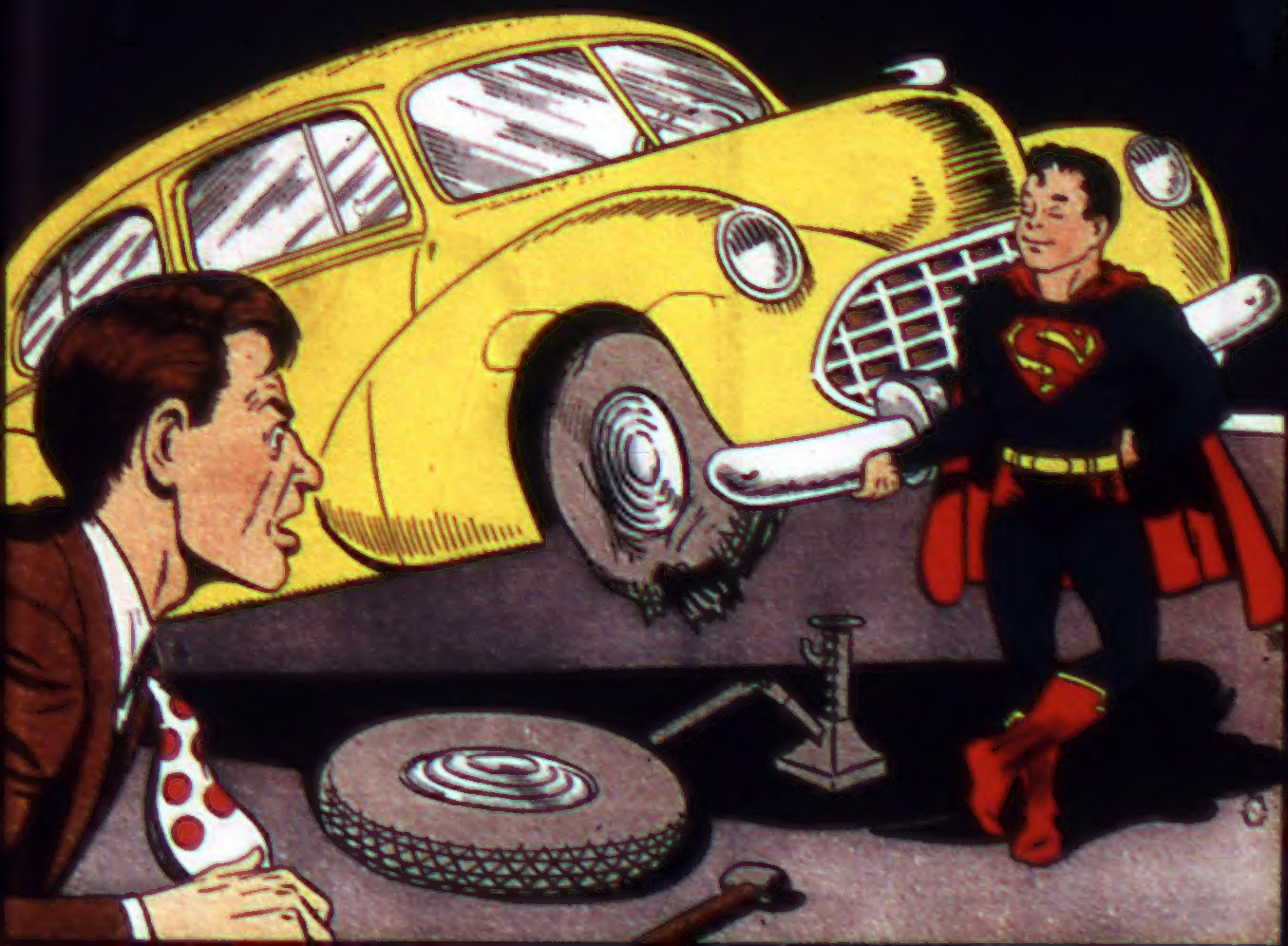


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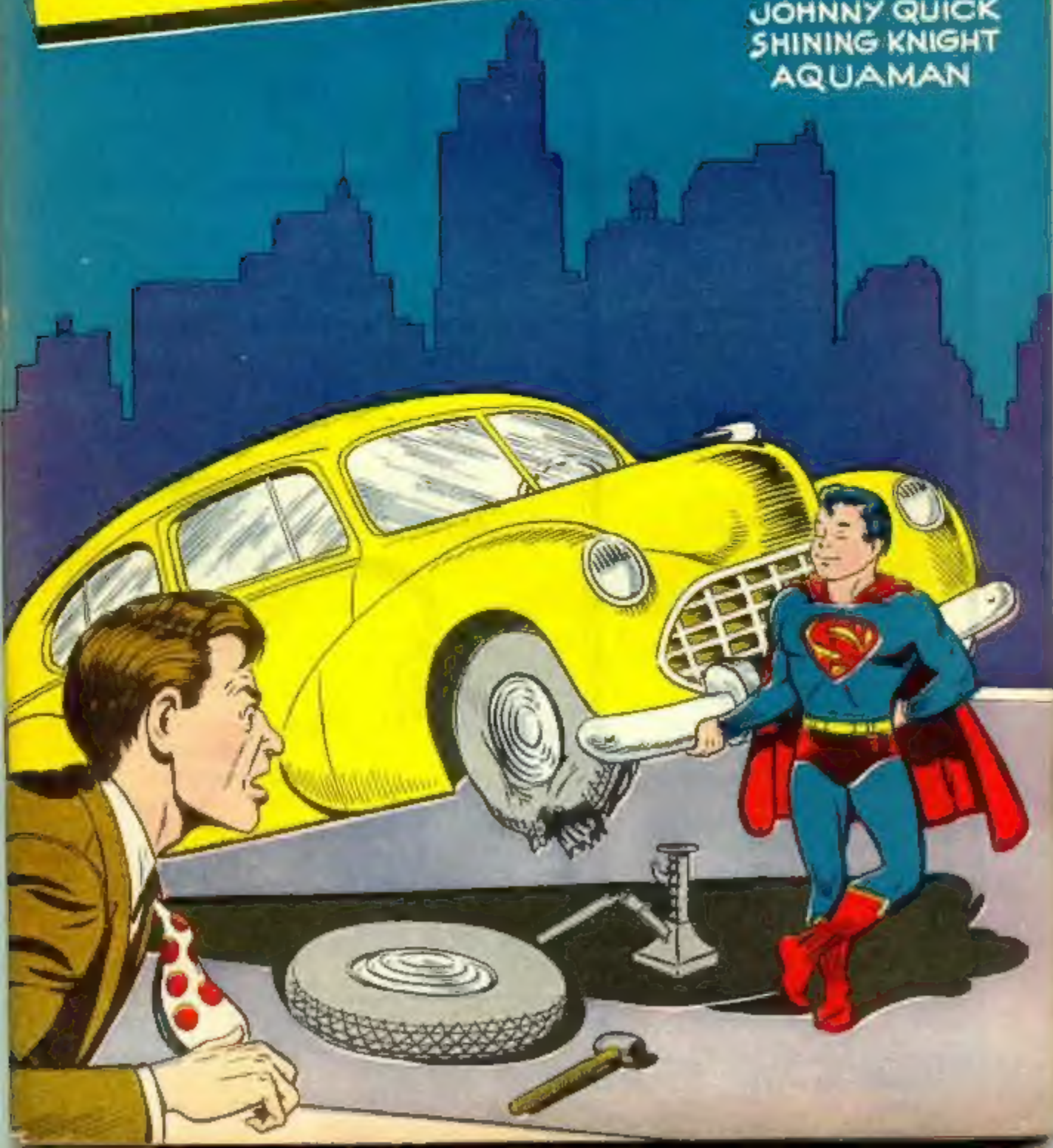


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SUPERBOY

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AND
JOE SHUSTER

IT'S CLARK KENT'S BIRTHDAY, BUT IT'S ALSO BETTY MARR'S, AND FALSE RUMORS COME TO SPOIL THEM BOTH! AS MEAN TONGUES WAG, AND AS A BROKEN-HEARTED GIRL WEEPS, THE BOY WHO IS DESTINED TO BECOME THE MAN OF TOMORROW PERFORMS FANTASTIC FEATS SO THAT BETTY MARR MAY HAVE A TRULY...

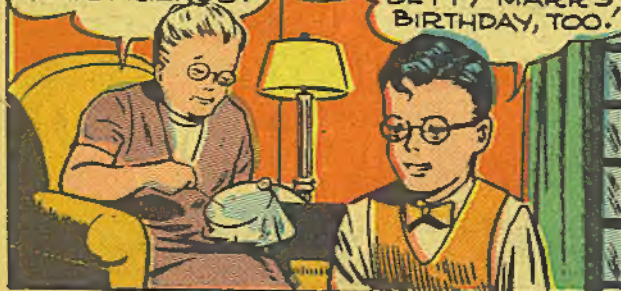
"Happy Birthday!"



CLARK KENT ARRIVED IN THIS WORLD 10 YEARS AGO TODAY—AND HIS KINDLY FOSTER-PARENTS INTEND TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

I'LL BAKE A CAKE, AND THERE'LL BE ICE CREAM, AND YOU CAN INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

THAT WOULD BE DANDY, MOTHER, ONLY—WELL, IT'S BETTY MARR'S BIRTHDAY, TOO!



AND IF ALL MY FRIENDS CAME HERE, THERE'D BE HARDLY ANY ONE AT HER PLACE!

I UNDERSTAND, CLARK—AND I'M PROUD OF YOU FOR BEING SO UNSELFISH!



BUT AT BETTY MARR'S HOME, DESPITE THE COMING PARTY, WE FIND NO FESTIVE SPIRIT...

AND THIS IS WHY...

IT'S SOME AWFUL MISTAKE— BUT PEOPLE WON'T KNOW THAT!

HERE COMES SOMEBODY! MAYBE IT'S—

DON'T CRY, MAMA! THEY'LL FIND OUT THEY WERE MIS-TAKEN ABOUT DADDY!

I KNOW, BETTY! BUT IT'S TERRIBLE, JUST THE SAME!

NABBED AS SUSPECT IN HOTEL ROBBERY

J. C. MARR

DADDY!

JOHN!

DID I HAVE YOU WORRIED? WELL, YOU CAN STOP WORRYING NOW.

IT WAS A MISTAKE, SEEMS I LOOK LIKE SOME ROBBER THE POLICE ARE AFTER.

GOODNESS! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT BAKING THE CAKE FOR BETTY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!

COME ON, BETTY— WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO, TOO!

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NOW WE REALLY HAVE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE, HAVEN'T WE, DADDY?

WE SURE HAVE, BETTY!

THE METROPOLIS POLICE HAVE
CLEARED JOHN MARR OF ALL
SUSPICION—BUT NOT SO THE
LOCAL GOSSIPS.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT
JOHN MARR
WASN'T ALL
HE SEEMED!

IT PROVES YOU
CAN'T TRUST EVEN
YOUR OLDEST
NEIGHBORS!

AND
TO THINK I LIVE
RIGHT NEXT DOOR.



THE PARTY LINE IS BUSY—
THANKS TO THE BUSYBODIES!

WHERE
THERE'S
SMOKE
THERE
MUST BE
FIRE!

I'VE WARNED MY
MARIAN TO STAY
AWAY FROM
BETTY
MARR!



NO USE COAXING,
JOAN! YOU ARE
NOT TO GO TO
THAT PARTY

BUT
MAMA,
EVEN IF
HER DADDY
IS BAD, BETTY
IS MY BEST
FRIEND.



I GUESS
BETTY WON'T
THINK SHE'S
SO SMART
AFTER
THIS!

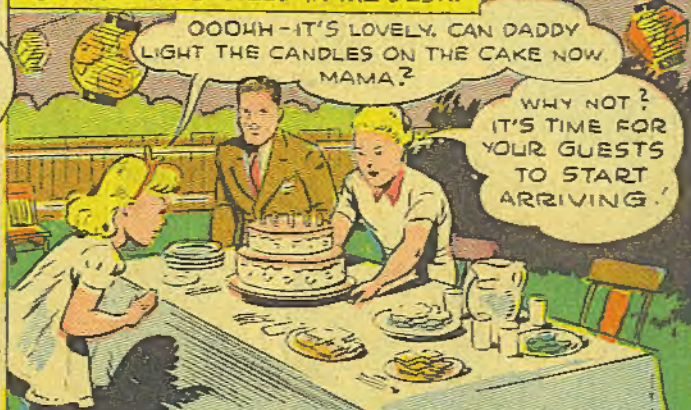
THAT'S NO WAY TO
TALK! THE POLICE
WOULDN'T HAVE LET
HER FATHER GO IF
THEY HADN'T BEEN
SURE HE WAS ALL RIGHT—
AND EVEN IF HE WASN'T,
IT WOULDN'T BE HER
FAULT!



THAT EVENING, BETTY MARR IS GAY AND PRETTY,
SKIPPING ABOUT UNDER TWINKLING LANTERNS THAT
SHINE LIKE JEWELS IN THE DUSK.

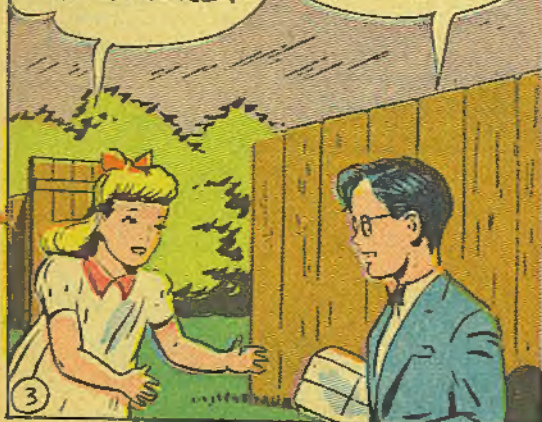
OOOHH—IT'S LOVELY. CAN DADDY
LIGHT THE CANDLES ON THE CAKE NOW,
MAMA?

WHY NOT?
IT'S TIME FOR
YOUR GUESTS
TO START
ARRIVING!



COME ON
IN, CLARK!
YOU'RE THE
FIRST TO GET
HERE! DID YOU
SEE ANY OF
THE OTHERS?

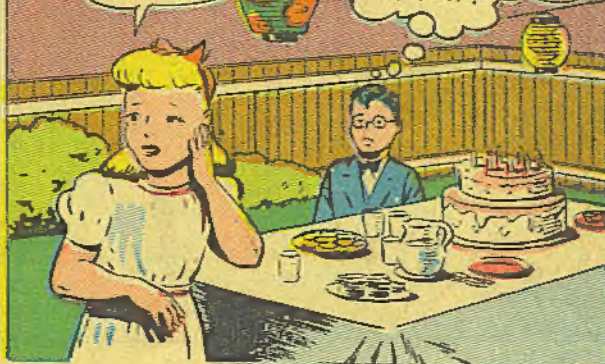
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
BETTY! ER—
NO, I DIDN'T
PASS ANYONE!



MINUTES DRAG—AND THEY SEEM VERY
LONG TO A LITTLE GIRL OF 10!

THAT'S STRANGE!
NO ONE IN SIGHT—
AND ALL OF THEM
SHOULD HAVE
BEEN HERE
LONG AGO!

THIS IS AWFUL!
I KNEW SOME
OF THEM WOULDN'T
COME, BUT I
NEVER THOUGHT
THEY'D ALL STAY
AWAY!



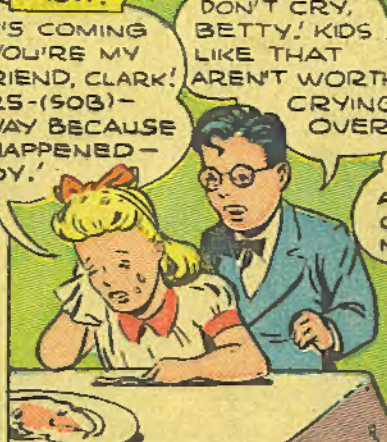


AND MORE MINUTES—
MANY, MANY OF THEM!



N-NOBODY'S COMING
(SOB)! Y-YOU'RE MY
ONLY F-FRIEND, CLARK!
THE OTHERS—(SOB)—
STAYED AWAY BECAUSE
OF WHAT HAPPENED—
TO DADDY.

THE HEART-BREAKING
TRUTH IS PLAIN TO BETTY
NOW!



DON'T CRY,
BETTY! KIDS
LIKE THAT
AREN'T WORTH
CRYING
OVER.

MR. AND MRS. MARR WOULD
DO ANYTHING TO HELP...
BUT WHAT IS THERE TO BE
DONE?

IT'S THE NO, JOHN!
FAULT OF BUSY- IT WOULD
BODY GOSSIPS ONLY
WHO EXAGGER- MAKE
ATED THAT NEWS- MATTERS
PAPER STORY ABOUT WORSE!

ME! I'LL GIVE THEM
A PIECE
OF MY
MIND!

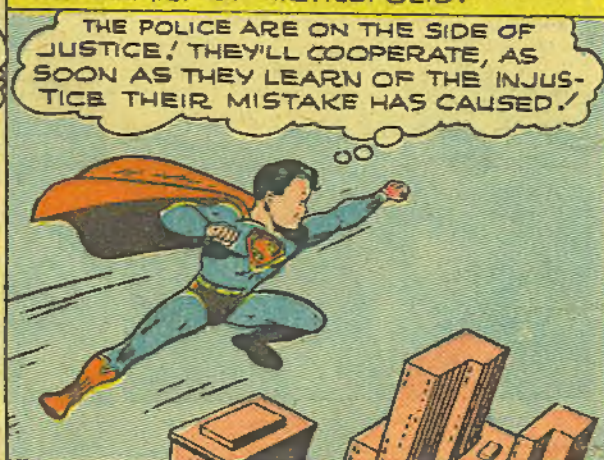


AT LENGTH, EVEN CLARK KENT SLIPS
AWAY FROM THE TRAGIC SCENE!



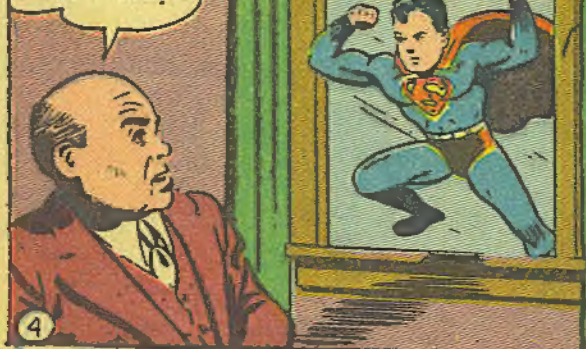
SOMEBODY'S GOT
TO DO SOMETHING—
AND I DON'T KNOW WHO
CAN DO IT ANY FASTER
THAN SUPERBOY!

SECONDS LATER, A SMALL, VIVID FIGURE
STREAKS THROUGH THE AIR TOWARD
THE HEART OF METROPOLIS!



THE POLICE ARE ON THE SIDE OF
JUSTICE! THEY'LL COOPERATE, AS
SOON AS THEY LEARN OF THE INJUSTICE
THEIR MISTAKE HAS CAUSED!

WHAT—?
WHY, YOU MUST
BE THIS FELLOW
SUPERBOY
I'VE HEARD
SO MUCH
ABOUT!

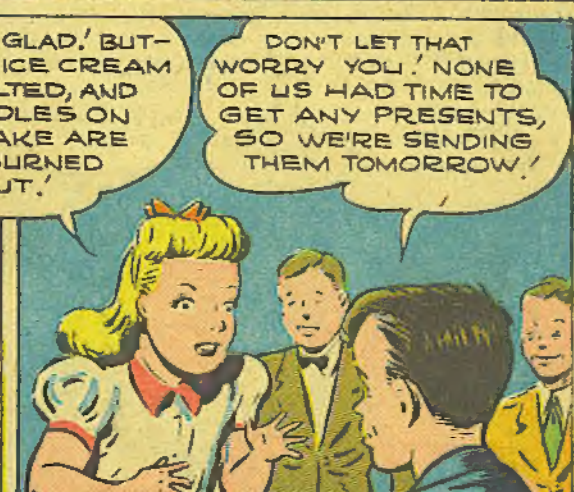
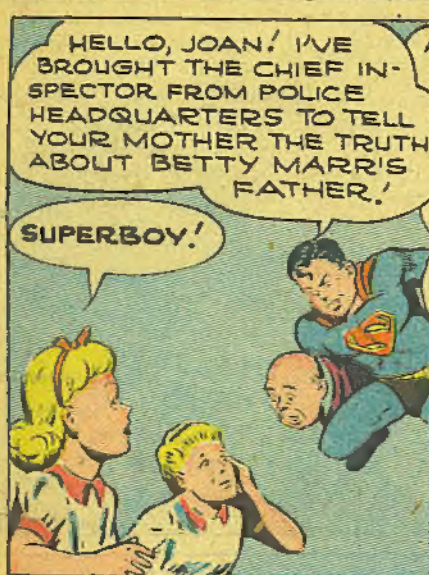
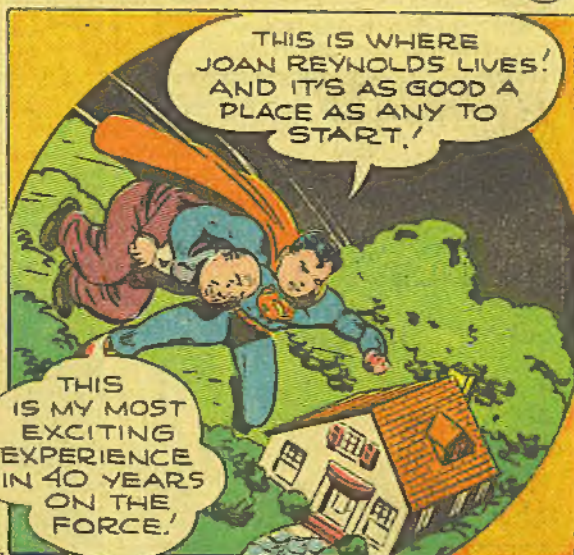
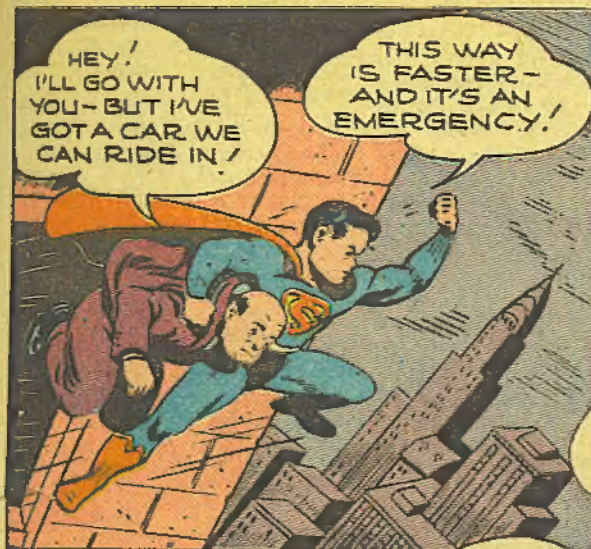


THAT'S RIGHT, INSPECTOR!
I'M HERE ABOUT JOHN
MARR, WHO WAS
ARRESTED EARLIER
TODAY!

THAT WAS AN
UNFORTUNATE
MISTAKE! WE'VE
GOT THE REAL
ROBBER NOW! AND
IF THERE'S ANY-
THING I CAN DO
TO MAKE IT UP
TO MR. MARR...

THERE IS—
AND IT WON'T
TAKE YOU
LONGER THAN
A FEW
MINUTES.







A TRIP TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, A LIGHTNING SHOPPING TOUR, AND THEN—

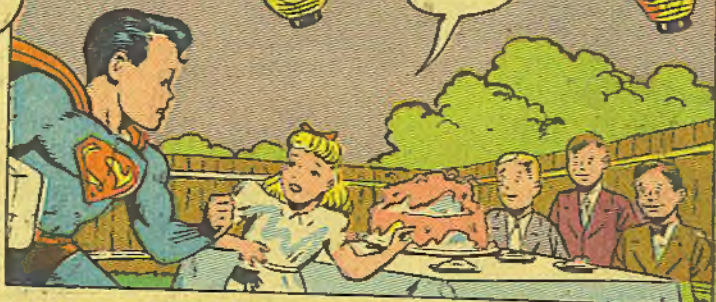
DID SOMEONE MENTION PRESENTS?

SUPERBOY! I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO MY PARTY, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO SEND THE INVITATION!



WELL, NOW THAT I'M HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL MAKE MYSELF USEFUL! I'M PRETTY GOOD AT RE-FREEZING MELTED ICE CREAM!

THIS WAY—IF YOU'RE NOT JUST FOOLING!



AND THE YOUNG WORKER OF MIRACLES BEGINS TO FLASH IN CIRCLES ABOUT THE ICE-CREAM PUDDLES...

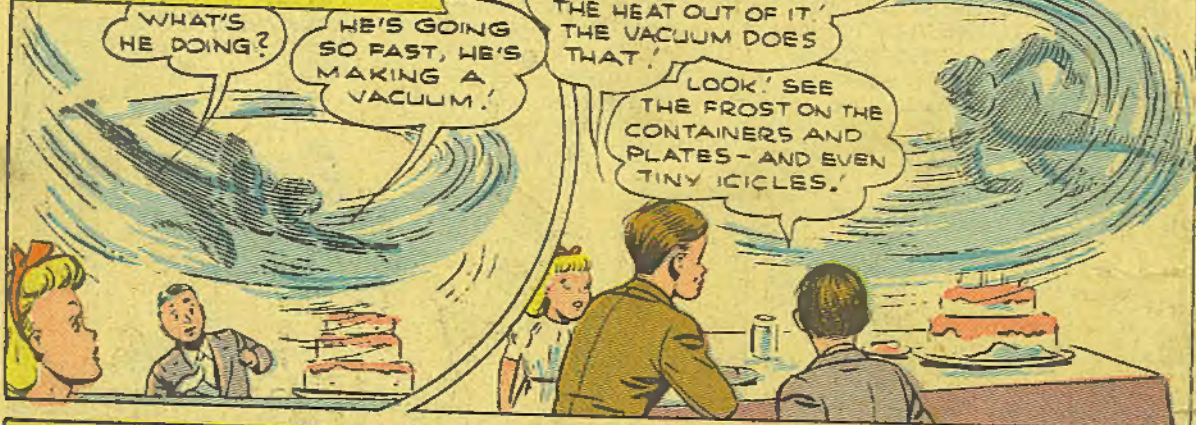
WHAT'S HE DOING?

HE'S GOING SO FAST, HE'S MAKING A VACUUM!

FASTER, FASTER—UNTIL FINALLY...

TO FREEZE SOMETHING, YOU'VE GOT TO DRAW THE HEAT OUT OF IT! THE VACUUM DOES THAT!

LOOK! SEE THE FROST ON THE CONTAINERS AND PLATES—AND EVEN TINY ICICLES!



NEXT ON THE PROGRAM...

WHAT'S A BIRTHDAY CAKE WITHOUT CANDLES? IF I COULD FIND SOME WAX AND SOME STRING—

THERE'S SOME WAX IN THE KITCHEN, **SUPERBOY!** I USE IT TO SEAL FRUIT JARS AT CANNING TIME.



SIMPLE AS IT IS, THIS OPERATION IS NO LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE ONE WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED.

ONLY 10, EH? IT WOULDN'T BE MUCH HARDER MAKING A THOUSAND!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THAT LITTLE JOB TOOK **SUPERBOY** OVER TWO SECONDS!



YES, INDEED—IT'S QUITE A PARTY.

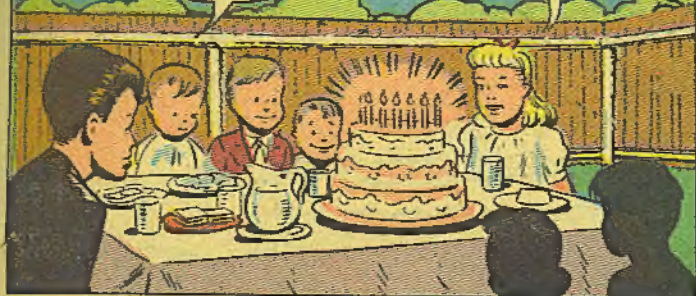
YOU'VE GOT TO BLOW OUT ALL THE CANDLES WITH ONE BLOW IF YOU WANT TO HAVE GOOD LUCK ALL THROUGH THE YEAR!

THIS IS ONE THING I CAN'T LET SUPERBOY DO FOR ME!

SHE DID IT! I'LL BET SHE'LL BE THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN TOWN!

LOOK HOW LUCKY SHE IS ALREADY—HAVING SUPERBOY COME TO HER PARTY!

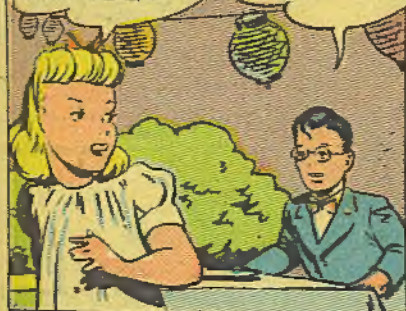
TIME FOR SUPERBOY TO LEAVE AND GIVE CLARK KENT A BREAK!



MINUTES LATER...

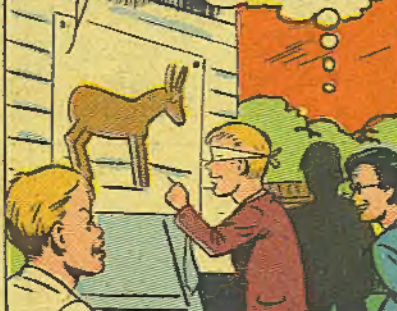
CLARK, I THOUGHT YOU WENT HOME! WE DIDN'T SAVE A BIT OF CAKE OR ICE CREAM FOR YOU.

I DIDN'T COME TO EAT, BETTY! I JUST WANTED TO JOIN THE FUN!



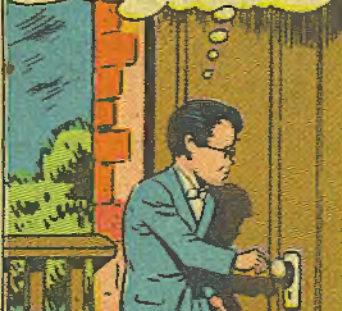
HO, HO, HO! SOMEBODY OUGHT TO PIN THE TAIL ON CHARLIE!

JUST MY LUCK TO MISS OUT ON THE EATS! AFTER ALL THAT EXERCISE GAVE ME AN APPETITE.



AFTER THE GAYEST BIRTHDAY PARTY OF THE YEAR IS OVER...

AM I HUNGRY! I WONDER IF MOTHER COULD FIX ME A SANDWICH AND A GLASS OF MILK?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

WHAT'S THIS?...

SON, WHEN MOTHER TOLD ME ABOUT YOU GIVING UP YOUR PARTY FOR BETTY, WE DECIDED THAT YOU OUGHT TO HAVE A LITTLE ONE OF YOUR OWN!

OH, BOY! YOU'RE BOTH SO GOOD TO ME—SOME-TIMES I THINK I CAN'T POSSIBLY DESERVE IT!



The End



YOU DON'T NEED A CRYSTAL BALL TO CHECK YOUR MOTHER ON WHEATIES.

ALL YOU NEED IS AN EATING ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH THOSE CHAMPION WHOLE WHEAT FLAKES. 'CAUSE ONCE YOU KNOW WHEATIES SWELL NOURISHMENT, SWELE-GANT FLAVOR YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE MIGHTY SURE THERE'S A BIG STOCK OF WHEATIES ON HAND--ALWAYS!

BETTER LOOK INTO YOUR SUPPLY OF WHEATIES. RIGHT NOW YOU'LL WANT LOTS OF MILK, FRUIT AND WHEATIES, "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS"-- TOMORROW MORNING

HAVE 'EM EVERY DAY!



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NOT ALL SUNKEN TREASURE IS GOLD AND GLEAMING GEMS... BUT PIRATES THE WORLD OVER HAVE THE SAME GREEDY EYE FOR BOOTY, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS. SMALL WONDER, THEN, THAT PROFESSOR PEEKER'S EXPEDITION TO A SUNKEN WRECK SHOULD BRING MULTIPLE MENACES OF DEATH- AND POSE FOR JOHNNY QUICK, THE KING OF SPEED, SOME FAST AND FURIOUS SALVAGE PROBLEMS IN...

*"The CURIOUS CARGO
of the BONNIE BESS!"*

and his
MAGIC
FORMULA

NORT
MORTON
JR.

OUR STORY OPENS IN THE OFFICES OF SEES-ALL-KNOWS-ALL NEWS SERVICE...

JOHNNY CHAMBERS! TUBBY WATTS!

IT'S THE BOSS TUBBY! GET MOVING!

TELL HIM I'M DREAMIN' MY WAY THROUGH A BANQUET AN' DESSERT IS JUST COMIN' UP!

HO! HUM!

PROFESSOR PEEKER, THIS IS OUR ACE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER, JOHNNY CHAMBERS! JOHNNY, PROFESSOR PEEKER IS THE FAMOUS HISTORIAN AND CURATOR OF THE CHESNEY MUSEUM!

GREETINGS, PROFESSOR! WHAT'S UP?

I HAVE ORGANIZED A SECRET TREASURE HUNT, AND HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU TO PHOTOGRAPH IT FOR POSTERITY.

A DEEP-SEA TREASURE HUNT, JOHNNY! DIVING BELL STUFF!

OVER 300 YEARS AGO, THE PACKET SHIP "BONNIE BESS" WENT DOWN IN A STORM. AFTER YEARS OF SEARCHING, I HAVE LOCATED HER AND MADE CERTAIN THAT DIVERS CAN SALVAGE HER CARGO!

SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF FUN!

WE SAIL AT NOON TOMORROW FROM PIER 39!

TUBBY AND I WILL BE ON DECK!

MAYBE YOU'LL BE - BUT I'LL BE DOWN IN THE GALLEY MAKIN' FRIENDS WITH THE COOK!

BUT THAT NIGHT, AT PIER 39...

SHE'S ALL SET TA SAIL, AN' EVERYT'ING ABOUT IT'S BEEN SECRET! YA KNOW WHAT DAT MEANS, MUDDER

IT MEANS TREASURE, SLINKY-AN' WE'RE GOIN' TA CUT OURSELVES IN FOR 100 PERCENT OF IT!

THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON...

THE "BONNIE BESS" LIES IN ONLY 40 FEET OF WATER. IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME WHY NO ONE HAS LOCATED HER BEFORE!

TREASURE HUNTING IS GETTING TO BE A LOST ART!

I BETTER EAT THIS GRUB NOW, IN CASE I GET SEASICK LATER!

AND TAGGING THE SALVAGE SHIP DOGGEDLY, AT A DISTANCE ... WE'LL WAIT TILL THEY START WORK- THEN TAKE OVER!

THEY ONLY GOT FIVE OR SIX MEN, NOT COUNTIN' THEM CAMERAMEN! IT OUGHTTA BE A SNAP!

THIS IS THE SPOT. I LEFT THE BUOY TO MARK IT!

WE'LL BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA IN NO TIME, TUBBY!

COULDN'T YA GET ALONG WITHOUT ME JUST THIS ONCE, JOHNNY? I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS.

SIGNAL IF YOU CAN GET AT THE CARGO WITHOUT BLASTING A HOLE IN THE WRECK, AND WE'LL SEND DOWN LINES!

RIGHT, PROF!

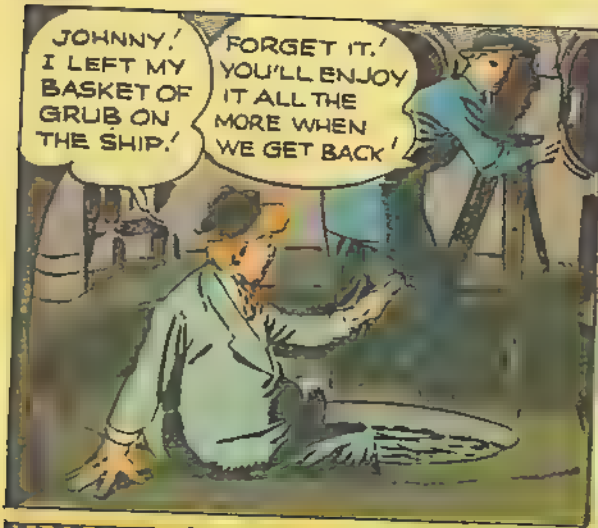
AND NOW, THE DIVING BELL IS MADE READY...

MAKE IT SNAPPY, TUBBY! WE WANT TO MAKE PICTURES OF THE DIVER DESCENDING - AND HE'S WAITING!

MAKE IT SNAPPY, HE SAYS - AN' ME READY TO DROP FROM EXHAUSTION!

THIS WAY TO DAVEY JONES' LOCKER!

GOOD LUCK!



JOHNNY!
I LEFT MY
BASKET OF
GRUB ON
THE SHIP!

FORGET IT!
YOU'LL ENJOY
IT ALL THE
MORE WHEN
WE GET BACK!



BUT WHAT IF WE DON'T
GET BACK? I AIN'T
SCARED TO DIE—BUT
I'D SURE HATE TO
DIE HUNGRY!

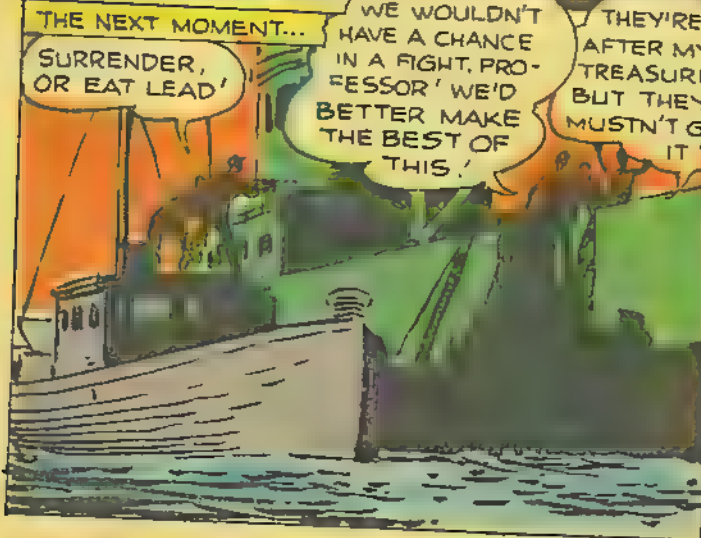
WHY?
YOU'VE
BEEN
HUNGRY
ALL YOUR
LIFE, SO
FAR!



THESE
PICTURES WILL
CAUSE A
SENSATION
WHEN THEY'RE
RELEASED!

MEANWHILE, UNNOTICED BY
ANYONE ABOARD THE SALV-
AGE VESSEL, THE PURSUER
CREEPS CLOSE...

THEY PROBABLY HAVEN'T GOT
TWO GUNS ON THE WHOLE SHIP!
ONE LOOK AT OUR CHOPPERS,
AN' THEY'LL SURRENDER!



THE NEXT MOMENT...

SURRENDER,
OR EAT LEAD!

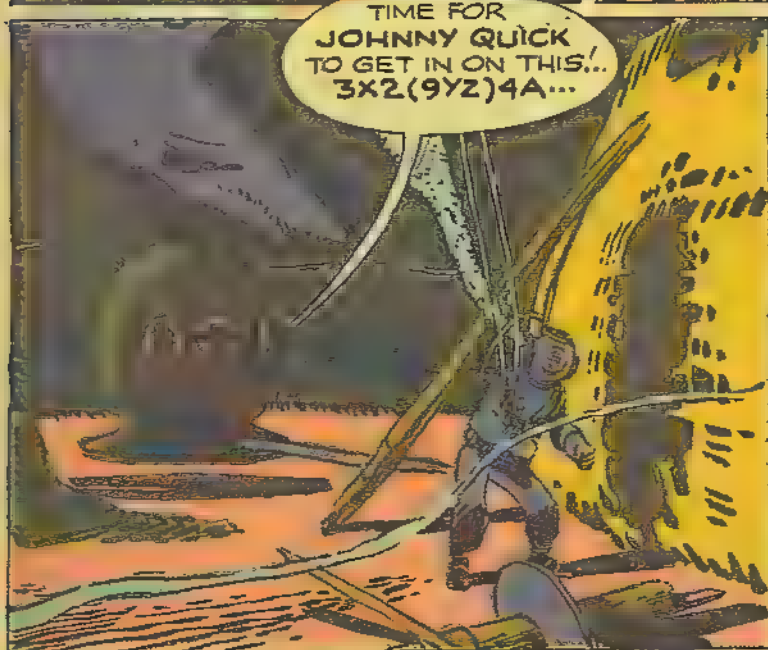
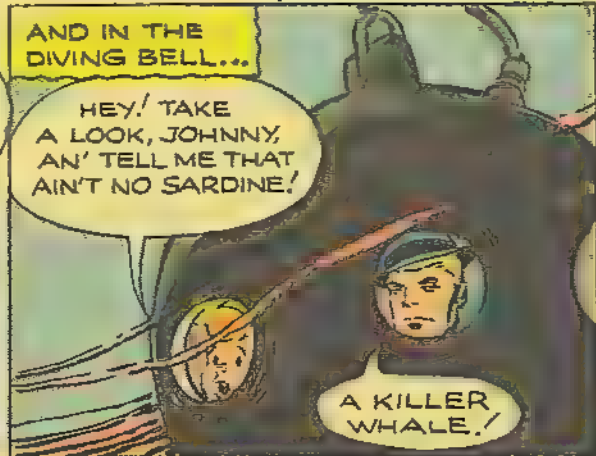
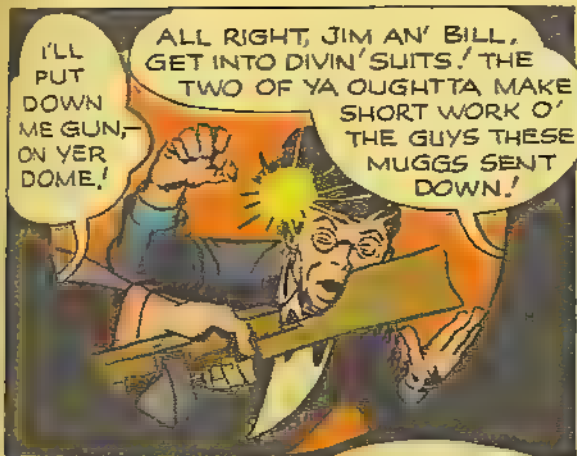
WE WOULDN'T
HAVE A CHANCE
IN A FIGHT, PRO-
FESSOR! WE'D
BETTER MAKE
THE BEST OF
THIS!

THEY'RE
AFTER MY
TREASURE!
BUT THEY
MUSTN'T GET
IT!

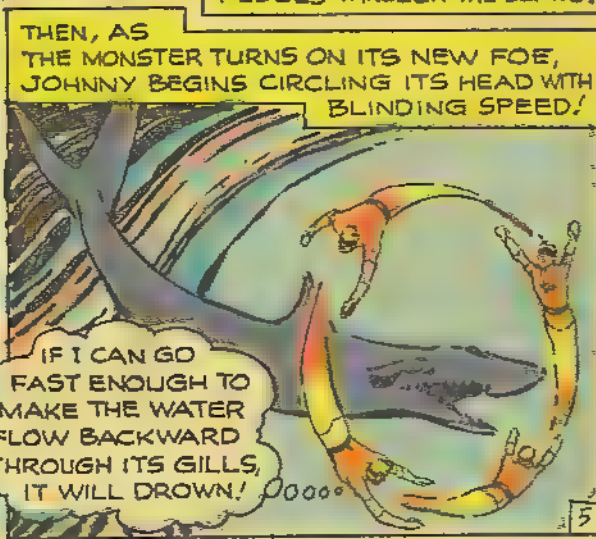
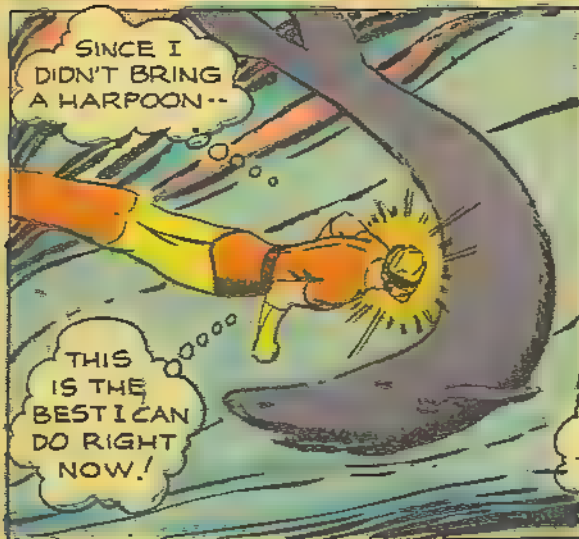


KEEP
YOUR
HANDS
UP!

THIS IS PIRACY!
I DEMAND THAT YOU
PUT DOWN YOUR
GUNS AND SURRENDER
IMMEDIATELY!



THE MAGIC FORMULA CO-ORDINATES TIME AND SPACE FACTORS-AND A SPLIT SECOND LATER, JOHNNY QUICK TORPEDOES THROUGH THE DEPTHS!

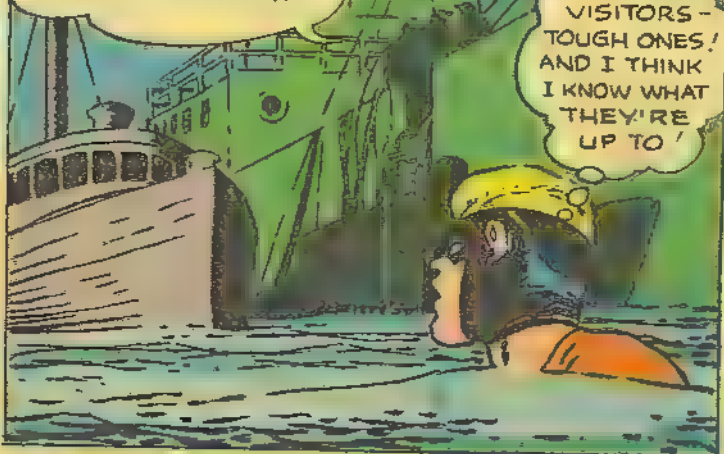


FINALLY...

THAT DID IT!
NOW FOR A
BREATH OF AIR BEFORE MY
LUNGS BACKFIRE!



WHAT'S THAT,
BOYS—YOU'VE SPOTTED
THE WRECK? OKAY,
FINISH OFF THE
OTHER DIVER FIRST!



OH, OH!
WE'VE HAD
VISITORS—
TOUGH ONES!
AND I THINK
I KNOW WHAT
THEY'RE
UP TO!

WHILE BELOW...



A GRIM TRAGEDY IS ABOUT TO BE ENACTED
AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!

THEY'RE GONNA KILL HIM!
WHERE'S JOHNNY?



SUDDENLY

THEY'D HAVE
KILLED HIM IN
COLD BLOOD—
THE RATS!

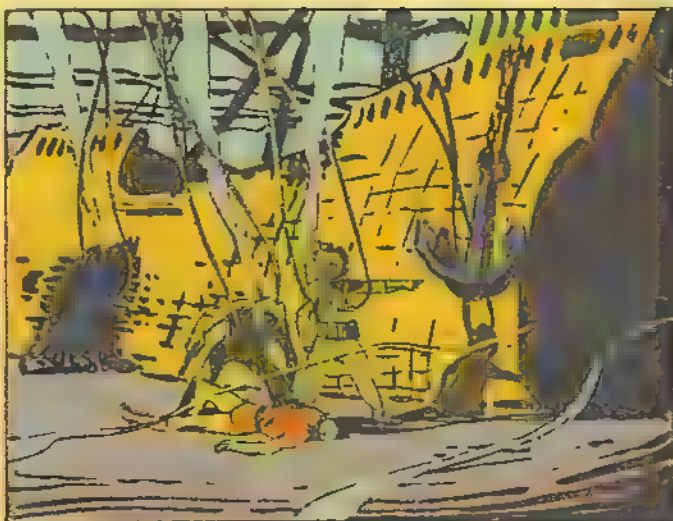


I PREFER THE
JAW FOR A TARGET—
BUT NOT WHEN THE
OTHER FELLOW'S
WEARING A BRASS
HELMET!



BUT BEFORE THE KING OF SPEED CAN TURN UPON THE SECOND OF THE PIRATES...

NOW FOR--
UH-H-H-H..



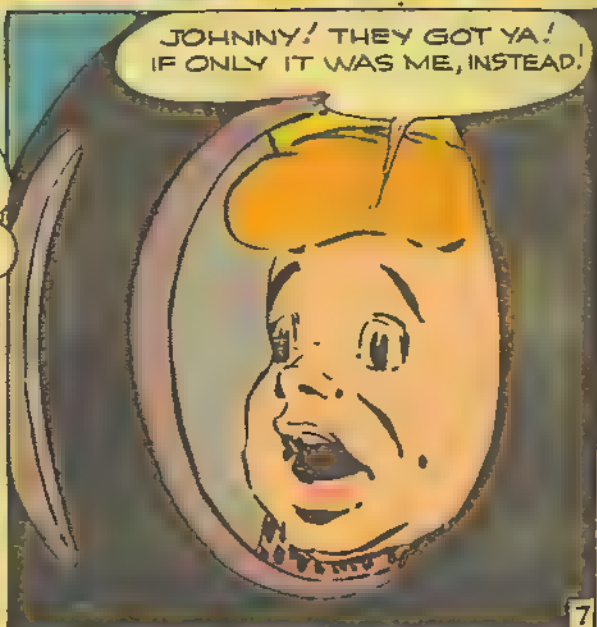
AND THEN, WITHIN SECONDS, JOHNNY QUICK REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...

WH-WHERE--?
GREAT CAESAR!

I'M TIED DOWN
HERE AT THE
BOTTOM OF
THE OCEAN--
AND I CAN'T
LAST HALF
A MINUTE
LONGER
WITHOUT
AIR!



JOHNNY! THEY GOT YA!
IF ONLY IT WAS ME, INSTEAD!

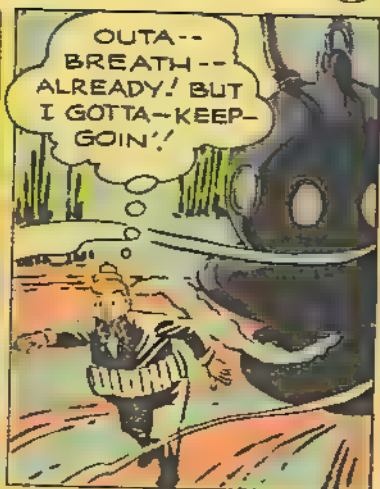




I AIN'T GOT A GHOST OF A CHANCE COMIN' OUT OF THIS ALIVE - BUT I GOTTA TRY TO SAVE JOHNNY, REGARDLESS!



I'D FLOAT LIKE A HUNK O' CORK WITHOUT THESE WEIGHTS TO HOLD ME DOWN!

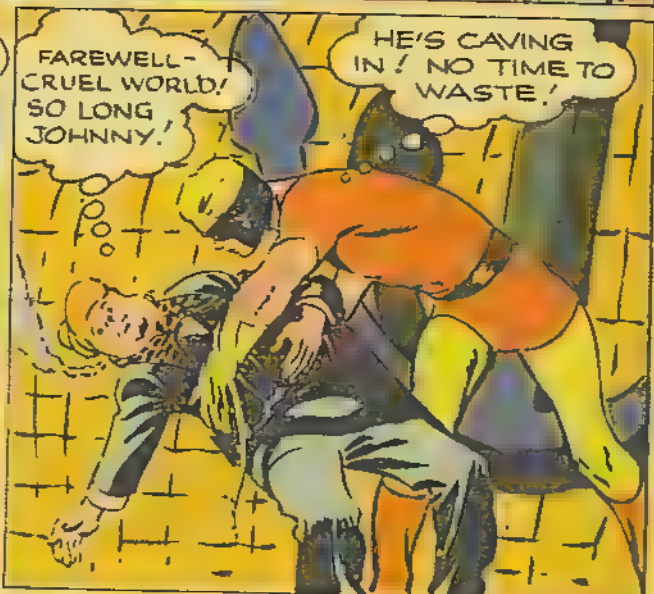


OUTA-- BREATH-- ALREADY! BUT I GOTTA--KEEP-- GOIN'!



I MADE IT! I'M-- FINISHED-- BUT IT DON'T-- MATTER-- SO MUCH!

GOOD OLD TUBBY! I COULDN'T-- HAVE HELD OUT-- TEN SECONDS LONGER!



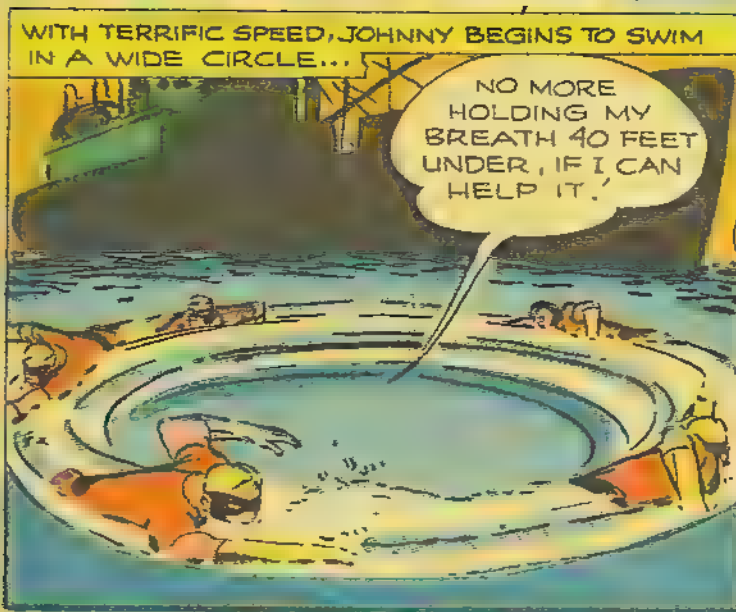
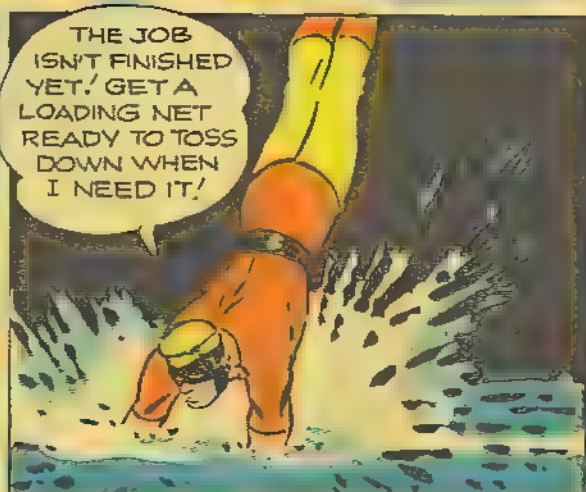
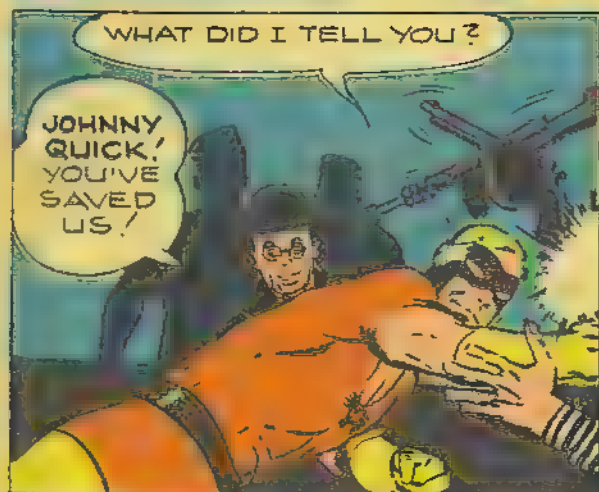
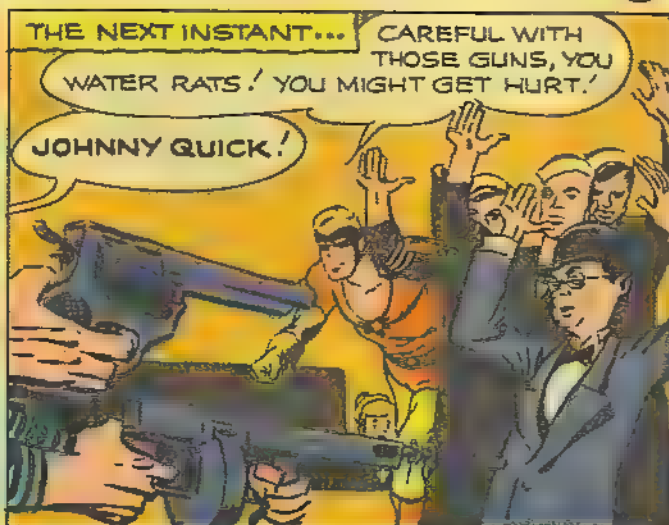
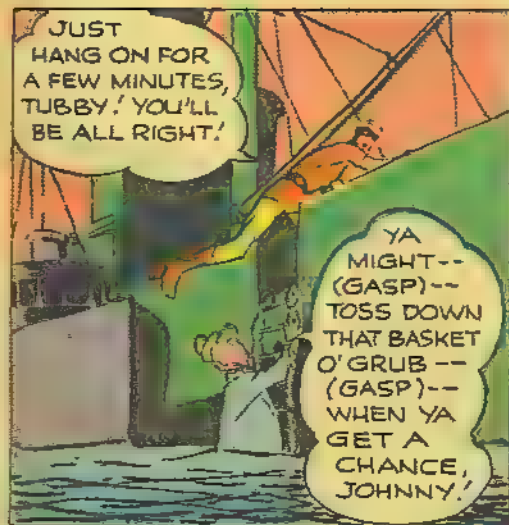
FAREWELL-- CRUEL WORLD! SO LONG JOHNNY!

HE'S CAVING IN! NO TIME TO WASTE!



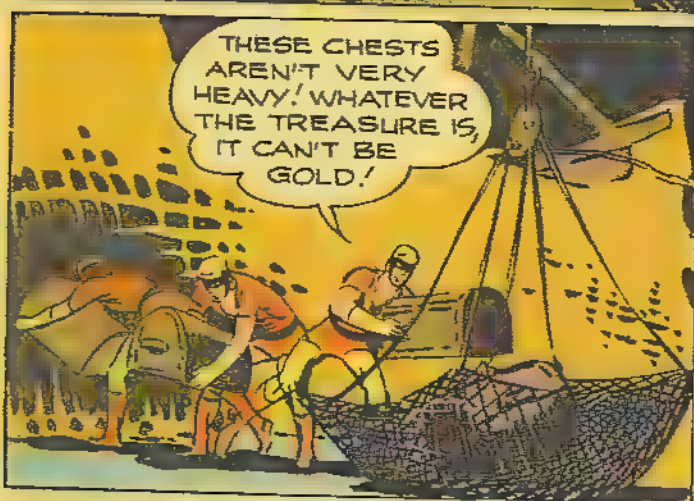
THEN-- LIKE A SUBMARINE ROCKET, THE MILE-A-MOMENT MARVEL FLASHES TOWARD THE SURFACE!

FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO BE THE WORLD'S CHAMPION FRESH AIR FIEND

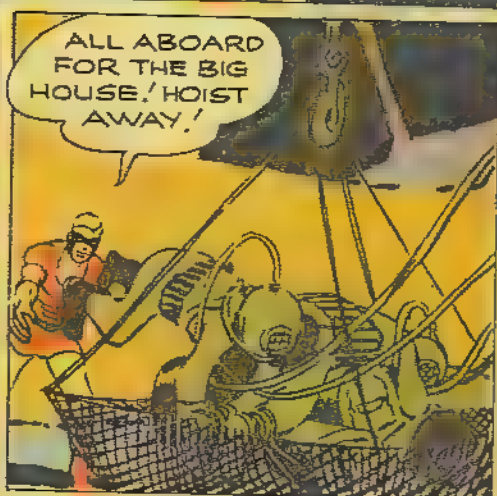


WORKING AGAINST TIME, WHILE THE WHIRLPOOL GROWS SLOWLY SMALLER, JOHNNY ENTERS THE SUNKEN VESSEL...

GANGWAY! WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS JOB OVER WITH FAST!



THESE CHESTS AREN'T VERY HEAVY! WHATEVER THE TREASURE IS, IT CAN'T BE GOLD!



ALL ABOARD FOR THE BIG HOUSE! HOIST AWAY!

AND AS THE VORTEX FINALLY FILLS UP...

ABOUT TIME FOR JOHNNY CHAMBERS--

AS FOR THE "BONNIE BESS'S" TREASURE...

THESE WILL BE AMONG THE RAREST TREASURES OF THE CHESNEY MUSEUM--THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF RAG DOLLS EVER SENT FROM EUROPE TO AMERICA!

HUH?!

WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE DROWNING, AFTER SAVING ME, DID ALL THE IMPORTANT EVENTS OF YOUR LIFE FLASH THROUGH YOUR MIND?

YA DARN TOOTIN'! I REMEMBERED EVERY SQUARE MEAL I EVER ATE!

--TO GET HIS CAMERA IN ACTION AGAIN!



VOLTO

FROM MARS

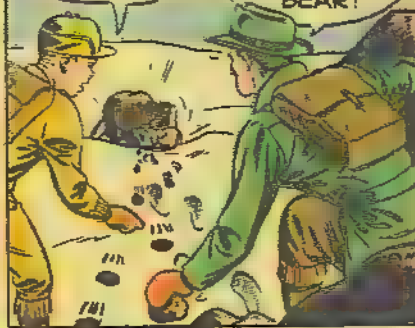


HIS STRANGE MAGNETIC POWERS SAVE HIM FROM BEING TORN TO BITS BY A SAVAGE BEAST....

ON A CAMPING TRIP IN THE NORTHWEST...

LOOK! BEAR TRACKS! AND A MAN'S FOOTPRINTS, TOO!

WOW! IT'S VOLTO... BUT HE CAN'T GET FREE TO USE HIS POWERS. I'LL FIX THAT BEAR!



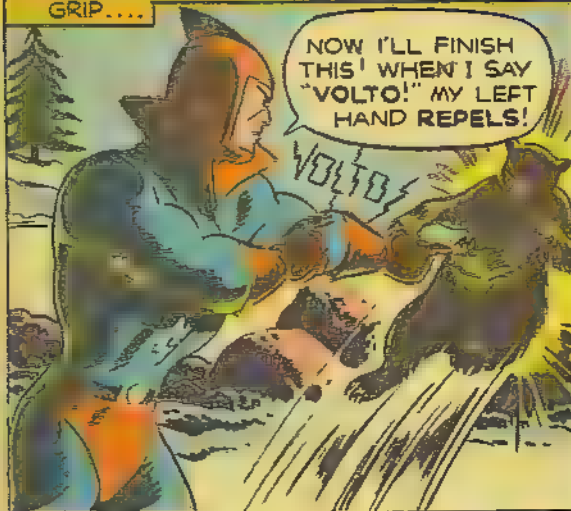
SWELL SHOT YOU'VE HIT THE BEAR!



FREED FROM THE GRIZZLY'S DEATH GRIP....

NOW I'LL FINISH THIS! WHEN I SAY "VOLTO!" MY LEFT HAND REPELS!

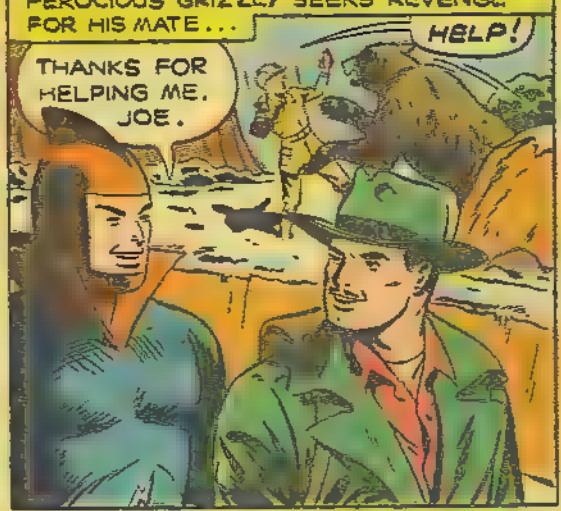
VOLTO!



ON THE WAY BACK TO CAMP ANOTHER FEROCIOUS GRIZZLY SEEKS REVENGE FOR HIS MATE...

HELP!

THANKS FOR HELPING ME, JOE.



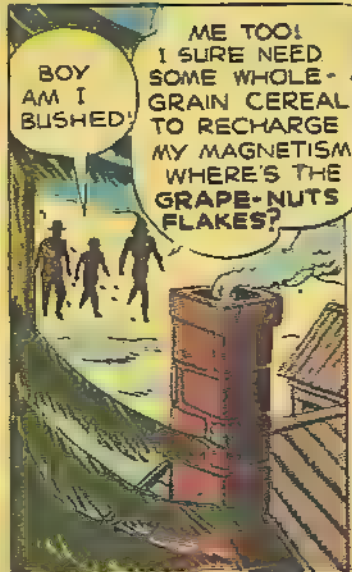
O.K., JIMMY! STILL HAVE MY GOOD RIGHT ARM! WHEN I SAY "VOLTO!" IT ATTRACTS!

VOLTO!

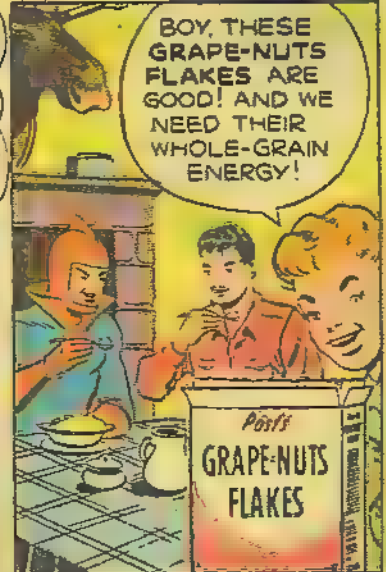


BOY AM I BUSHED!

ME TOO! I SURE NEED SOME WHOLE-GRAIN CEREAL TO RECHARGE MY MAGNETISM. WHERE'S THE GRAPE-NUTS FLAKES?



BOY, THESE GRAPE-NUTS FLAKES ARE GOOD! AND WE NEED THEIR WHOLE-GRAIN ENERGY!



Post's GRAPE-NUTS FLAKES



AQUAMAN



WHAT GIANT'S FEET
HAVE WALKED
ACROSS THE SUNKEN
SANDS? DOES SOME
WEIRD AND SINISTER
MAN-MONSTER NOW
MENACE THE WATERY
KINGDOM OF AQUAMAN,
ONCE SOVEREIGN OF
THE SEAS? COME
AND SWIM ALONG
WITH AQUAMAN AS
HE HUNTS THIS
MYSTERIOUS TERROR
WHO LEAVES A TRAIL
OF...

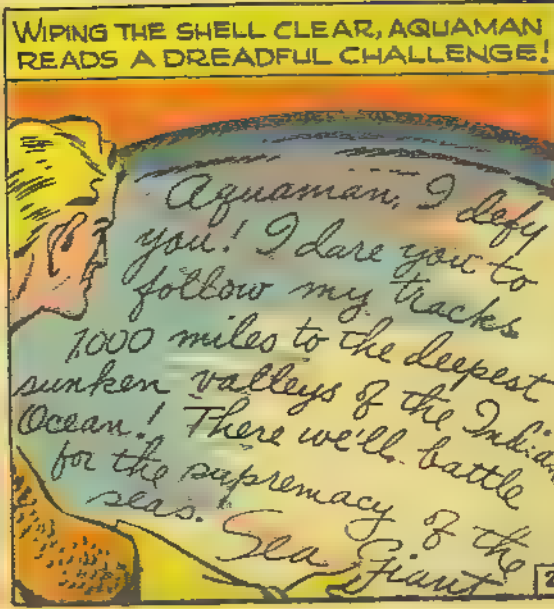
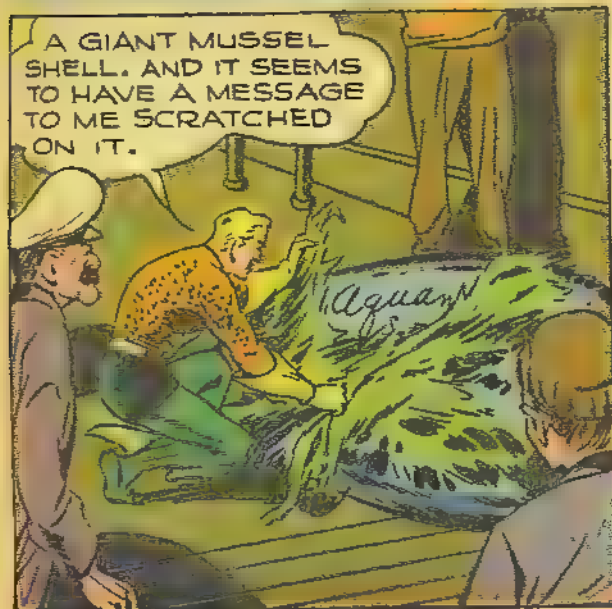
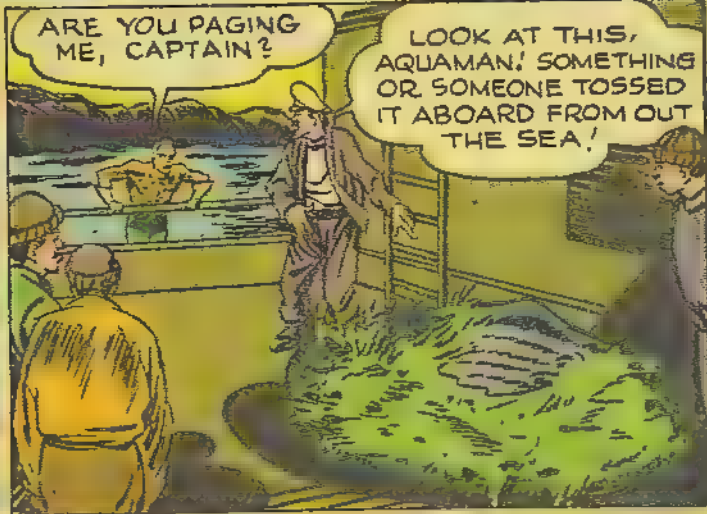
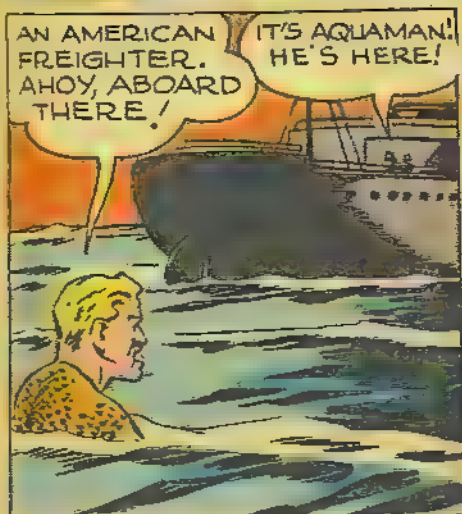
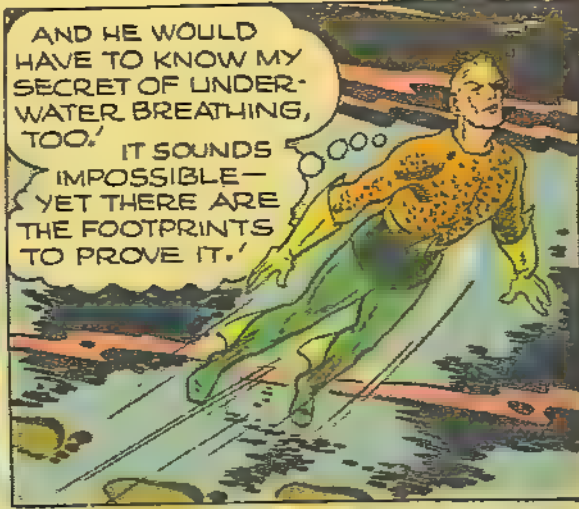
**"FOOTSTEPS
IN THE
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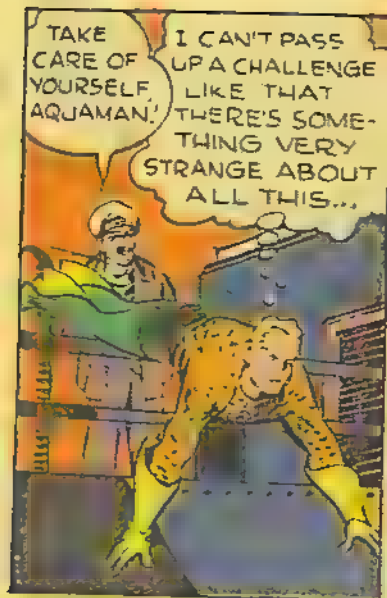
AQUAMAN BATTLES TO PROTECT TINY
CORAL FISH MIGRATING OFF THE
SOUTH CHINA COAST...

IT'S TIME
YOU HUNGRY BRUTES
WERE TAUGHT TO
LEAVE THESE
HARMLESS
FELLOWS ALONE!

JUST AS THE LAST CORAL FISH IS
SAFE, THE SEA MONARCH SUDDENLY
SPIES AN AWESOME SIGHT.

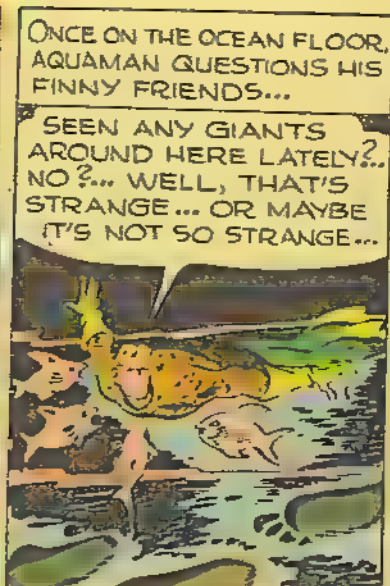
WHAT'S
THAT ON THE
SAND?
BELOW.





TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, AQUAMAN!

I CAN'T PASS UP A CHALLENGE LIKE THAT THERE'S SOMETHING VERY STRANGE ABOUT ALL THIS...

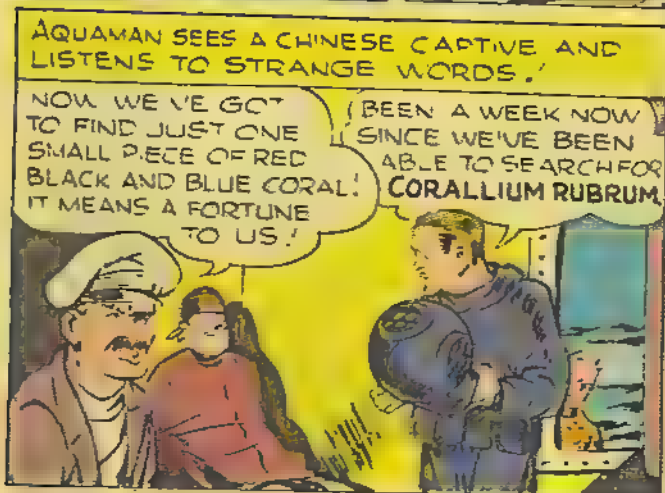


ONCE ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, AQUAMAN QUESTIONS HIS FINNY FRIENDS...

SEEN ANY GIANTS AROUND HERE LATELY? NO?... WELL, THAT'S STRANGE... OR MAYBE IT'S NOT SO STRANGE...



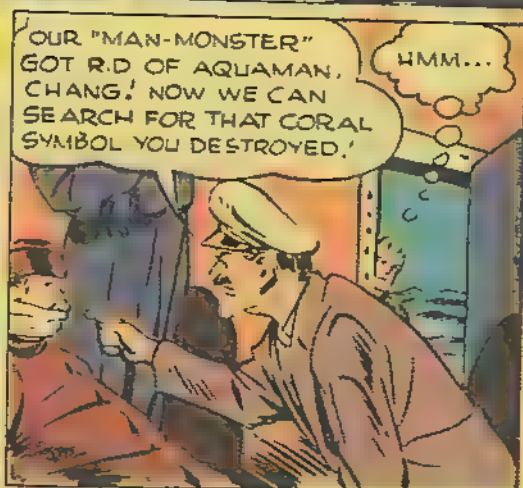
I THINK I'LL JUST SCOUT AROUND A BIT BEFORE STARTING ON A 1,000 MILE TRIP TO BATTLE MYSTERIOUS GIANTS!



AQUAMAN SEES A CHINESE CAPTIVE AND LISTENS TO STRANGE WORDS.

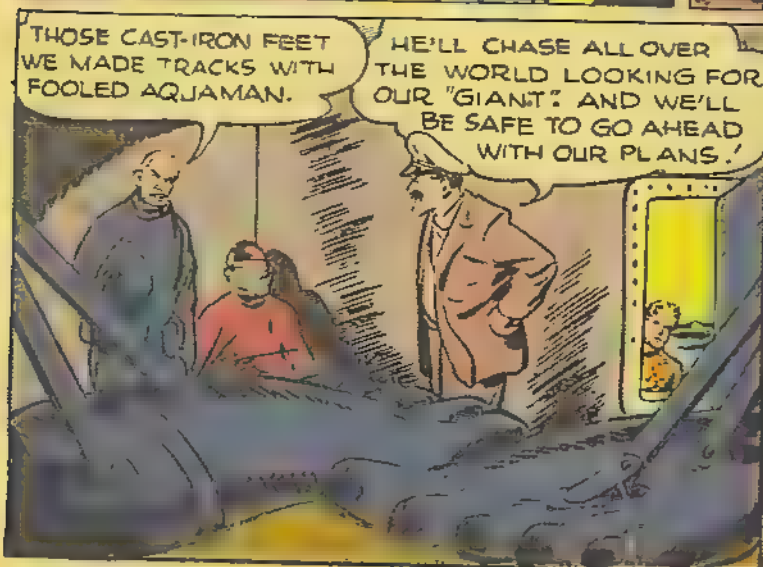
NOW WE'VE GOT TO FIND JUST ONE SMALL PIECE OF RED BLACK AND BLUE CORAL! IT MEANS A FORTUNE TO US!

BEEN A WEEK NOW SINCE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SEARCH FOR CORALLIUM RUBRUM.



OUR "MAN-MONSTER" GOT R.I.D. OF AQUAMAN, CHANG! NOW WE CAN SEARCH FOR THAT CORAL SYMBOL YOU DESTROYED!

HMM...



THOSE CAST-IRON FEET WE MADE TRACKS WITH FOOLED AQUAMAN.

HE'LL CHASE ALL OVER THE WORLD LOOKING FOR OUR "GIANT"! AND WE'LL BE SAFE TO GO AHEAD WITH OUR PLANS!



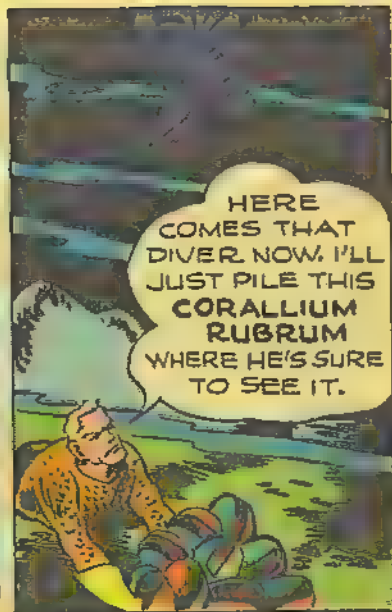
HMM... SO THOSE GIANT FOOTPRINTS AND THAT CHALLENGE WERE JUST A DECOY!



I'LL HELP THEM AT THEIR OWN GAME. IF IT'S RUBRUM CORAL THEY WANT, THEY'LL FIND IT.



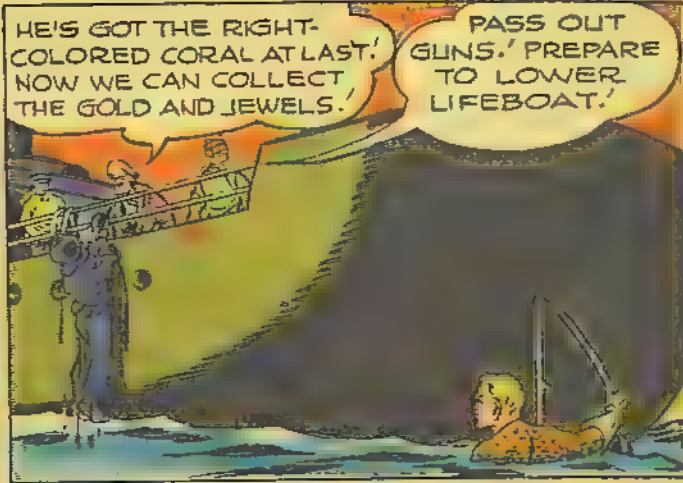
SWIMMING AS ONLY HE CAN, AQUAMAN QUICKLY LOCATES AND GATHERS HUGE CHUNKS OF THE RARE RED, BLACK AND BLUE CORAL. GOT SOME AT LAST! THIS STUFF IS SO SCARCE THAT THE CHINESE EMPERORS THOUGHT IT A TREASURE. BUT WHY DO THESE MEN WANT IT TODAY?



HERE COMES THAT DIVER NOW. I'LL JUST PILE THIS CORALLIUM RUBRUM WHERE HE'S SURE TO SEE IT.



HE JUST WANTS A SMALL, THREE-COLORED PIECE OF IT. NOW TO SEE WHY.



HE'S GOT THE RIGHT-COLORED CORAL AT LAST! NOW WE CAN COLLECT THE GOLD AND JEWELS!

PASS OUT GUNS. PREPARE TO LOWER LIFEBOAT!

AND SOON, TOWARD THE SHADOWS AND LIGHTS OF THE NEARBY COAST SLIDES A BOATFUL OF HEAVILY ARMED AND DESPERATE MEN.



I CAN CATCH THEM... BUT FIRST TO UNTIE THEIR CAPTIVE!

IN A MOMENT, THE UNBOUND CHINESE IS QUICKLY BABBLING A STRANGE TALE.

AQUAMAN, SAVE MY COUNTRY'S RICHES FROM THOSE PIRATES! THEY NOW HAVE THE CORAL SIGN!

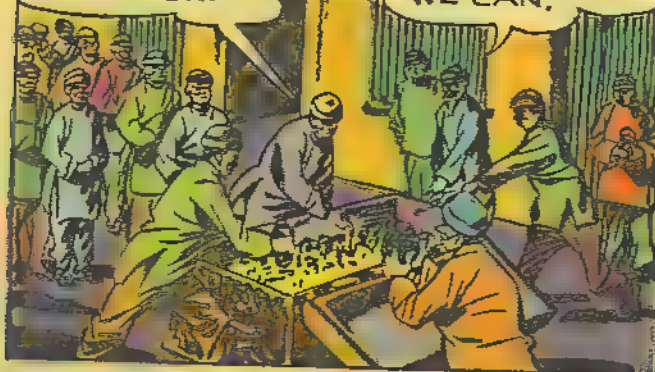


WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? CORAL AND PIRATES AND RICHES?

AND CHANG TELLS HIS STORY. YEARS AGO, BEFORE THE WAR, LOYAL CHINESE COLLECTED WEALTH TO HIDE IT FROM THE CRUEL INVADERS!

ENEMIES OF CHINA COME SOON!

WE MUST SAVE ALL WE CAN!



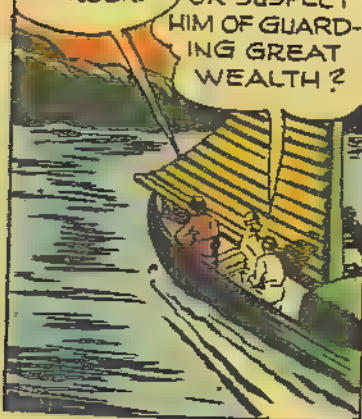
THE CHEST IS FULL. TAKE IT TO OUR ROCKY ISLAND.

THERE OLD TAO-TSUNG WILL GUARD IT. AND TO YOU, CHANG, WE GIVE THE CORAL SIGN.



WE'LL HIDE OUR TREASURE SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THAT WILDERNESS OF ROCK.

WHAT ENEMY WOULD DISTURB THE PENNILESS HERMIT TAO-TSUNG OR SUSPECT HIM OF GUARDING GREAT WEALTH?



SO IT WAS ARRANGED WITH THE AGED HERMIT TAO-TSUNG...

BURY THIS CHEST WHERE YOU WILL, TAO-TSUNG. AND IF WE ALL DIE IN THE WAR TO COME, RELEASE NOT THIS TREASURE BUT TO THE ONE WHO BRINGS THIS CORAL. THIS IS OUR SIGN.



IT SHALL BE DONE. NONE WILL DISTURB ME HERE. AND NO TORTURE CAN FORCE YOUR SECRET FROM ME. ONLY TO HIM WHO BRINGS THE RARE CORAL OF RED AND BLUE AND BLACK WILL I SPEAK.



YEARS LATER, AT THE LONG WAR'S END, CHANG CAME TO GATHER CHINA'S WEALTH. BUT THE FREIGHTER CAPTAIN SUSPECTED...

IF IT'S TREASURE, WE'LL GET IT ONCE HE LEADS US TO IT. AN ISLAND... WHAT?

THIEVES, I OVERHEARD! I'LL DESTROY THIS SYMBOL!



YOU MAY TORTURE OR KILL ME, BUT THE TREASURE IS SAFE.

YOU FOOL! WE KNOW MORE THAN YOU THINK. A DYING COMRADE OF YOURS HINTED AT YOUR SECRET A YEAR AGO, AND WE'LL DIVE FOR MORE CORAL!



FOR WEEKS THEY DIVED FOR RUBRUM CORAL. NO LUCK. AFTER YOU CAME, THEY FEARED YOU'D QUEER THEIR GAME.

SO THEY PLANTED "FOOT-STEPS" AND PLANNED A WILD-GOOSE-CHASE SWIM FOR ME.

LEAPING INTO THE SEA, AQUAMAN PREPARES FOR FAST ACTION!

COME ON, WE'LL CATCH THEM YET! EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE THE CORAL SYMBOL AND A HEAD START!

AQUAMAN, I CAN'T SWIM!

IN SECONDS, AQUAMAN HAS SUMMONED POWERFUL ALLIES!

DON'T WORRY, MY FRIENDS WILL CARRY YOU.

COME ON, EIGHT-ARM, I MAY NEED YOU TOO!

WHILE AT TREASURE ISLAND...

OLD MAN, WE ARE CHINA'S FRIENDS! BEHOLD OUR PROOF!

AFTER MANY LONG YEARS I SEE THE THREE-COLORED CORAL!

THEN CHINA IS FREE AT LAST AND NEEDS HER WEALTH TO REBUILD IN PEACE.

WEALTH? CHANG SENT US TO FETCH A BOX OR SOMETHING. EH, BOYS?

FAITHFUL MESSENGERS, DIG THERE AT THE WATER'S EDGE.

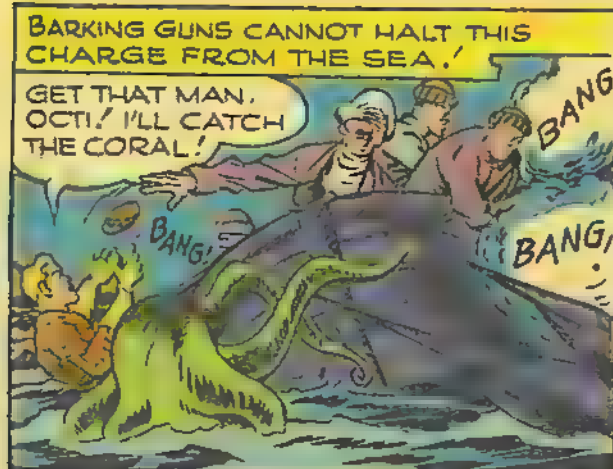
YIII! IT'S AQUAMAN AND CHANG!

CHARGE THEM, SPEARNOSSES! GRAB THEM, EIGHT-ARM!

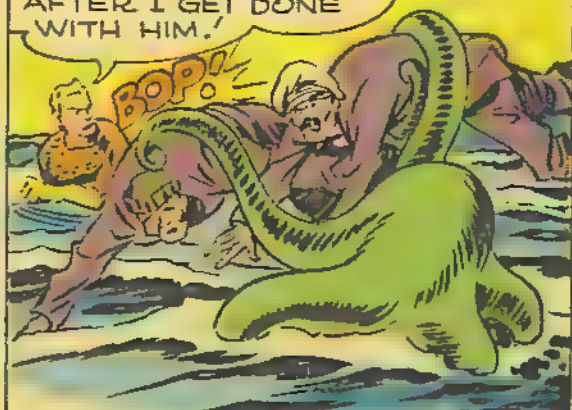


BARKING GUNS CANNOT HALT THIS CHARGE FROM THE SEA!

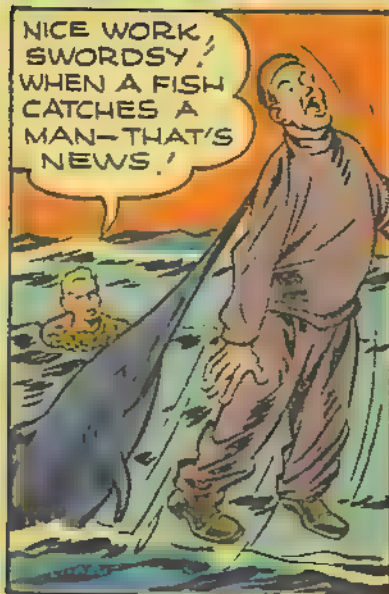
GET THAT MAN, OCTI! I'LL CATCH THE CORAL!



HOLD THIS ONE, TOO! AFTER I GET DONE WITH HIM!



NICE WORK, SWORDSY! WHEN A FISH CATCHES A MAN—THAT'S NEWS!



AQUAMAN AND I BRING THE CORAL!

IT IS WELL, CHANG! CHINA NEEDS GOOD FRIENDS LIKE THIS GOLDEN-HAIRED FIGHTER OF PIRATES.



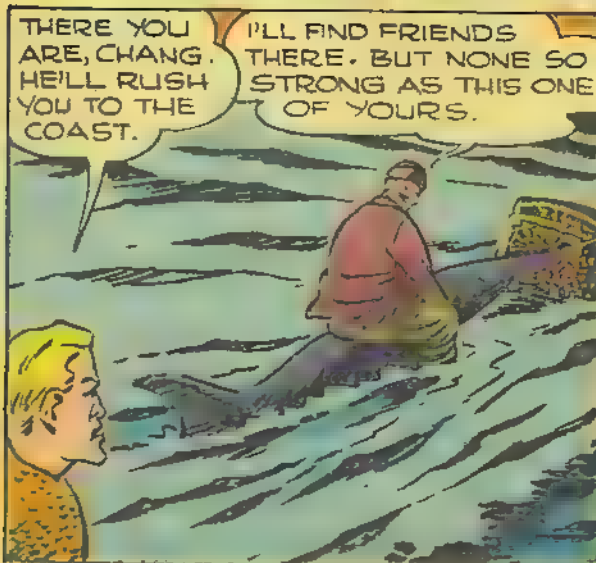
ALL SAFE, AQUAMAN. BUT CAN YOU GET THE TREASURE CHEST BURIED THERE?

EASILY. DIG DEEP, SHARPNOSE!



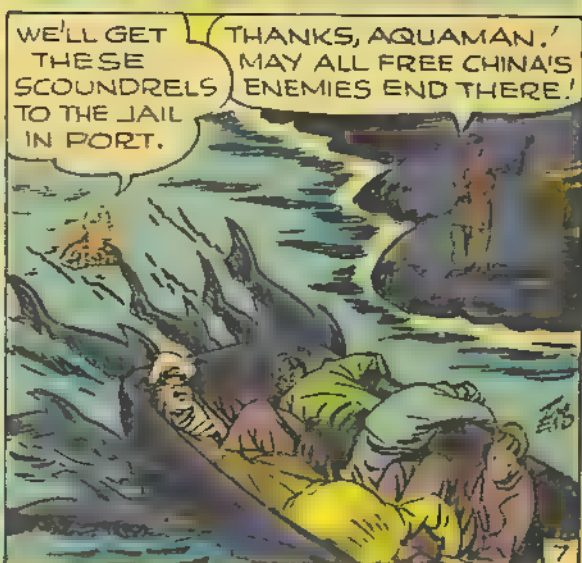
THERE YOU ARE, CHANG. HE'LL RUSH YOU TO THE COAST.

I'LL FIND FRIENDS THERE. BUT NONE SO STRONG AS THIS ONE OF YOURS.



WE'LL GET THESE SCOUNDRELS TO THE JAIL IN PORT.

THANKS, AQUAMAN! MAY ALL FREE CHINA'S ENEMIES END THERE!



KILLER'S GUNS

by Stan Carter

THE FARGO KID looked up, squinted his eyes at the sun. He judged the time to be about four. He wouldn't have to worry about Sheriff Trent until nightfall. After that . . . The Fargo Kid shrugged. He'd never been wrong about hunches before. He knew they'd try something tonight.

"H'ya Fargo!" The youthful greeting caused him to stay the leap he was about to make into the saddle.

He looked back at the grinning youngster who sat at the edge of the rude wooden sidewalk, barefeet digging into the dust of the street. The youngster was holding some torn paper in his hand. He wasn't paying attention to this now. His admiring eyes were on the pearl-handled six guns strapped to the Fargo Kid's thighs.

"Betcha killed a lotta men with those guns, Fargo," the youngster said.

For a moment, a cloud came over the Fargo Kid's face. "Never drew 'em except in self defense, son," he said. "What-cha doin'."

The boy grimaced. "Tryin' to make movies."

The Fargo Kid moved away from his magnificent horse. "Movies?"

The boy held up the torn pieces of paper. "You make figures out of 'em," he said, "and put a light behind them."

He seemed disgusted with his efforts. "Can't make 'em look good."

The Fargo Kid laughed, tossed the boy a coin. "Go and have some pop," he said. "Maybe you'll feel better then."

His face, as he rode off, was set in grim lines. "Hope that kid never finds out what it really means to have to live by guns," he said to himself.

He went through the canyon, and there wasn't a movement escaped his piercing, cold blue eyes. He rounded the turn and saw his place. His hideaway, he liked to call it.

Night fell as he rode in. He dismounted, led the palomino to the corral and then set to work to feed the animal.

That done, he went cautiously into the house. He took off his hat and sank wearily into a chair near the window.

"I'm banking a lot on what Trent will do," he said, to himself. "He's just got to do it." He thought he knew Sheriff Trent well enough to know how his mind would work. The sheriff would try to get him in the dark.

The Fargo Kid fingered his guns speculatively. Then he got up and brought out his shotgun from its hiding place. He might have to use it, too.

He ran his fingers over the worn stock. "Always guns," he said ruefully. "Live or die by them."

He thought for an instant of the boy he had spoken to that afternoon, saw again the admiration in the kid's eyes as he had looked at the twin Colts. Suddenly, the Fargo Kid's eyes snapped.

"Why not?" he said aloud.

Yes, that was it. He had a wonderful idea. He murmured his thanks to the absent kid. Trent would certainly be in for a surprise.

Without haste, the Fargo Kid went into the other room. Julie had left some of her stuff there. He grinned, rummaged in the bottom of a closet. She always kept a pile of wrapping paper and magazines on the floor. He was grateful now that she had.

It took him almost two hours before he had finished the job. He was still smiling when he busied himself getting something to eat.

There was just one thing he had to gamble on, a rifle. They'd use a rifle, he was sure of it.

The Fargo Kid knew every inch of the land around here, every avenue of escape. And now, twenty minutes later, as he lay hidden in the thick grass a good distance from his

house, he went over his plan of action.

The one lighted window in the house looked wonderful to him. He could see the two people silhouetted on the new shades Julie had been so proud of. In the corral, the palomino stomped restlessly.

The Fargo Kid composed himself for a long wait. And it was just that. Four hours later he heard the shot. Then there was another. He could only tell the direction from which the shot came, nothing else.

Behind the shattered window, two figures toppled from the light.

A half hour later the Fargo Kid got to his feet. His muscles were stiff and sore from the long vigil, but he ran toward the corral. It would be hours before dawn, but he wanted to get away from the house.

He didn't wonder why Sheriff Trent hadn't rushed the place. He knew why. He hoped Trent didn't know that he knew.

At the first faint flush of dawn, he picked up the trail. For two hours he rode, through canyon, and pass, and over hills.

And then he saw them. They were huddled over a fire, cooking breakfast. Trent was pouring coffee from a battered pot.

The Fargo Kid dismounted. His lips were set in a thin line, his eyes cold as ice as he crept upon the pair. There was a patch of sagebrush not far behind them. The Fargo Kid wriggled through this.

His nerves jumped as, within earshot now, he heard Trent's laugh. "I'm glad we got 'em both. No witnesses now."

"But the kids?" The other man was Blackie Sanger, Trent's deputy. "They must have woke up, Trent. I tell you . . ."

The rest of the words rattled in his throat. For just then he saw the Fargo Kid standing before him. The Fargo Kid's hands were resting on the pearl handled six guns.

"It's . . . it's the Fargo Kid!"

Sheriff Trent whirled. His hands snaked toward his gun. Then he gasped as the Fargo Kid's guns barked. Sheriff Trent slumped to the ground. Sanger threw up his hands.

"Don't . . . don't shoot," he called hoarsely. "You're . . . you're a ghost."

The Fargo Kid grinned icily. "No ghost," he said drily. "I figured you varmints would fall for the trap I laid." His eyes still hard, he said: "You didn't shoot me or my wife, Blackie. They were silhouettes, figures I cut out from paper. The light behind 'em made 'em seem real."

He relieved Blackie of his guns. There was a slight smile on the Fargo Kid's face as he bent down over the dead sheriff. Carefully, he removed the star of office from the dead man's shirt.

"Reckon this belongs to me," he said drily, "seeing as how the people of Nuevas elected me a week ago after they found out what a pair of crooks you and Trent were."

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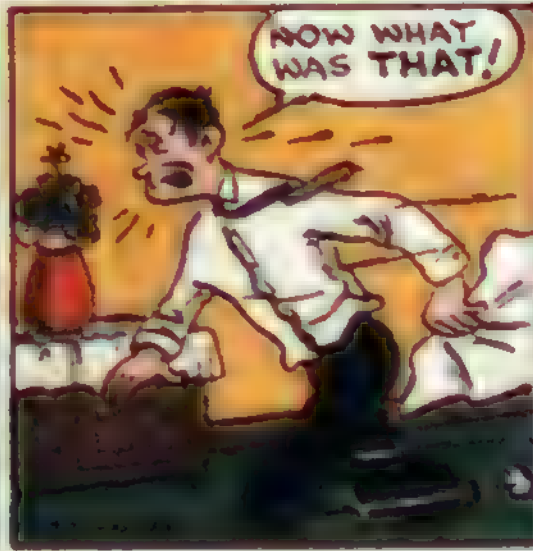
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ALL IN FLAVOR... SAY **FLEER'S**





WHEN SUPPOSEDLY
MAGIC RELICS OF THE
PAST APPEAR IN
THE PRESENT THE
SHINING KNIGHT
KNOWS THAT THERE'S
TROUBLE AHEAD IN
THE NEAR FUTURE!
KEEN COMPETITION
FOR THE SEEMING
SOUVENIRS OF
CHIVALRY RAISES
THEIR VALUE...AND
BRINGS DANGER TO
THE MAN OF
YESTERDAY, AS HE
SEEKS TO SLASH
THROUGH TO THE
TRUTH ABOUT...

"The Sword of Sovereigns!"

IN THE MUSEUM WHERE JUSTIN
WORKS, THE NEWS OF A STARTLING
DISCOVERY BRINGS BACK OLD...
OR RATHER, ANCIENT...TIMES...

ARTHUR'S SWORD
'TIS INCREDIBLE!

DAILY STAR
KING ARTHUR'S
SWORD, EXCALIBUR,
DISCOVERED BY
EXCAVATORS

AND MORE INCREDIBLE STILL THAT
THE SWORD AND SCABBARD ARE
IN A BLOCK OF STONE, AS THEY
WERE WHEN ARTHUR FOUND
THEM! I CANNOT BELIEVE
IT!



AND YET... IT MAY BE, I MUST DON THE ARMOR OF THE SHINING KNIGHT AND LEARN THE TRUTH!



THE TRUTH IS SIMPLE ENOUGH! AT THE TRAINING CAMP OF ONE-PUNCH PURDY, A MANAGER AND PRESS AGENT CONGRATULATE EACH OTHER...

WINDY, YOU SURE HAVE BRIGHT IDEAS. THAT STORY YOU COOKED UP ABOUT FINDING THE SWORD NEAR HERE GOT ONE-PUNCH MORE PUBLICITY THAN HE'S HAD IN MONTHS!

THAT'S ONLY THE HALF OF IT, BALDY!



DON'T FORGET THE SCABBARD! LONG AGO PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT WHOEVER WORE IT COULDN'T BE HURT! WELL, WHEN WE GET IT OUT OF THE STONE, WE'LL GIVE IT TO ONE-PUNCH!



HE'S LACKED CONFIDENCE EVER SINCE HE WAS KAYOED IN HIS FIRST FIGHT. THIS WILL GIVE IT BACK TO HIM!

AND HOW, WITH HIM THINKING HE CAN'T BE HURT, WE'LL BE A WORLD-BEATER.

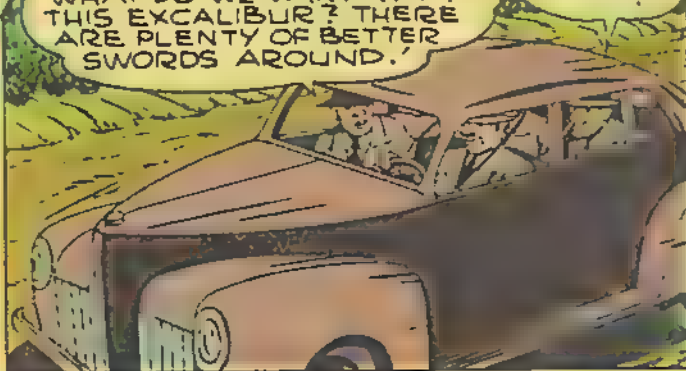


BUT OTHER WOULD-BE WORLD-BEATERS ARE NOT FAR AWAY... IN PARTICULAR ROOKER CASTLE, SMALL-TIME RACKETEER WITH BIG IDEAS.

YOU'RE OFF YOUR NUT. WHAT DO WE WANT WITH THIS EXCALIBUR? THERE ARE PLENTY OF BETTER SWORDS AROUND.

ROOKER,

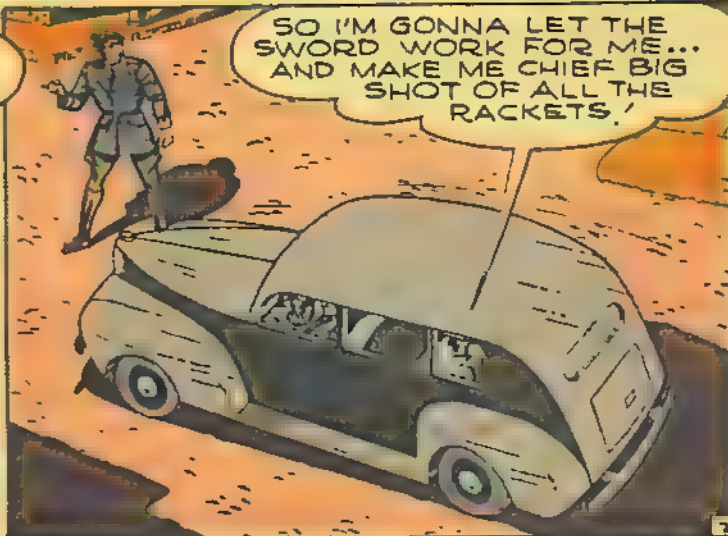
NOT LIKE THIS ONE, CHUM!



THERE'S AN OLD STORY THAT WHOEVER OWNS IT BECOMES RULER OF HIS KINGDOM... AND FROM ALL THAT I HEARD, IT'S TRUE!



SO I'M GONNA LET THE SWORD WORK FOR ME... AND MAKE ME CHIEF BIG SHOT OF ALL THE RACKETS!

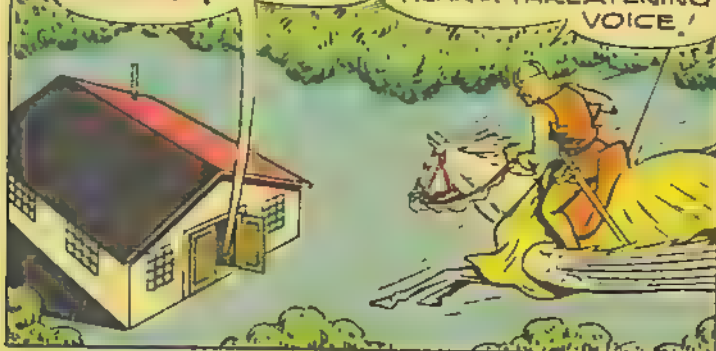




THUS IT IS THAT WHEN SIR JUSTIN ARRIVES AT ONE-PUNCH'S TRAINING CAMP...

KEEP YOUR MITTS UP, MUSCLE-BOUND, OR THIS BULLET WILL PUT YOU TO SLEEP FOR A BILLION COUNT!

'TIS NEAR HERE THE SWORD WAS DISCOVERED - BUT WHAT IS THIS? I HEAR A THREATENING VOICE!



AWAIT ME, BRAVE STEED - METHINKS I HAVE TO DO WITH VILLAINS!



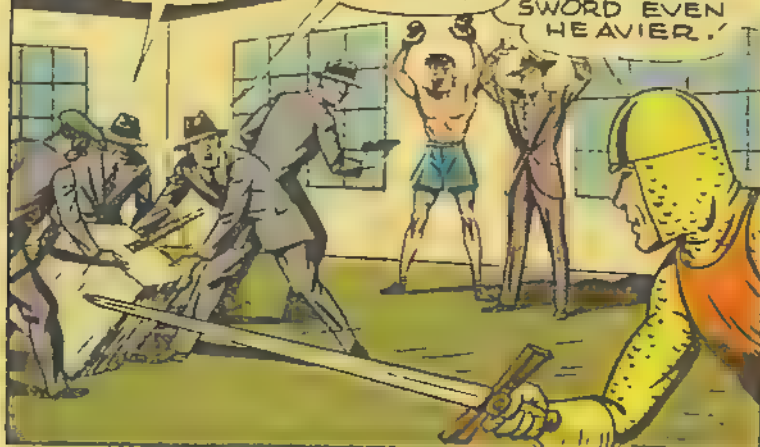
GEE, BOSS, THIS IS SURE HEAVY!

YEAH - EEH, THE SHINING KNIGHT!

AYE, VILLAIN, AND THOU WILT FIND MY SWORD EVEN HEAVIER!

THY HEAD CANNOT BEAR ITS WEIGHT!

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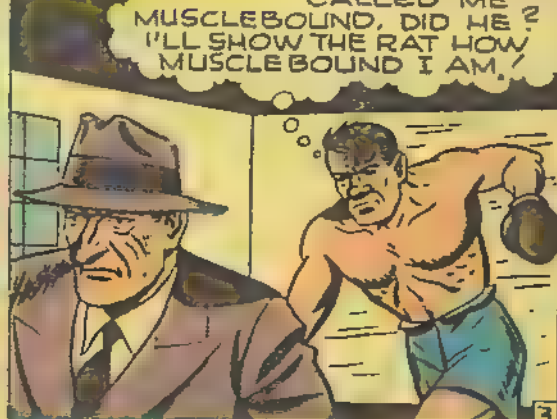
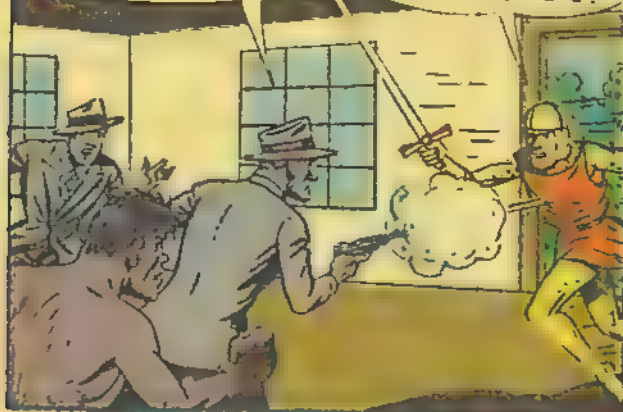


WISE GUY, HUH? SEE HOW YOU CAN STAND THESE BULLETS, SHINING KNIGHT!

THOU WITLESS ROGUE, KNOWEST NOT THAT BULLETS CANNOT PIERCE MY ARMOR?

AS ROOKER WITHDRAWS HIS ATTENTION FROM THE PREVIOUSLY HELPLESS ONE-PUNCH...

CALLED ME MUSCLEBOUND, DID HE? I'LL SHOW THE RAT HOW MUSCLEBOUND I AM!





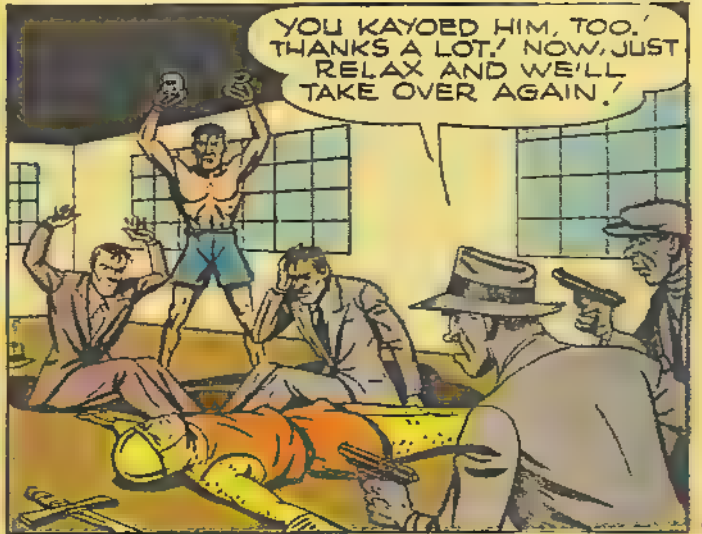
BUT TWO HEADS HAVE THE SAME IDEA — AND IN THIS CASE TWO HEADS ARE MUCH WORSE THAN ONE.

GOSH, I HIT THE KNIGHT INSTEAD!

CRACK!



YOU KAYOED HIM, TOO. THANKS A LOT! NOW, JUST RELAX AND WE'LL TAKE OVER AGAIN.



AND SO, PRESENTLY...

WELL, BOYS, EVEN THE SHINING KNIGHT COULDN'T STOP US. I'M ON MY WAY TO BECOMING A BIG SHOT!

YEAH, BUT WHAT'S THE USE OF BEING A BIG SHOT, IF YOU CAN'T BE COMFORTABLE?



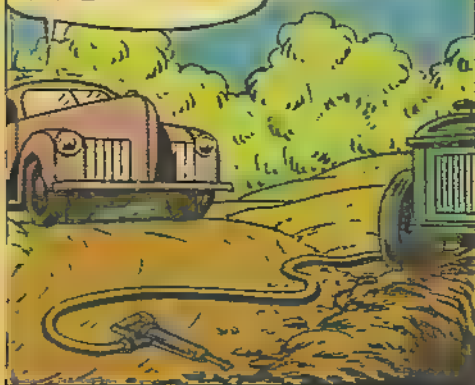
EVERY TIME WE GO OVER A BUMP, THIS STONE ALMOST CRUSHES ME!

WHAT DO WE NEED IT FOR, ANYWAY? ALL WE WANT IS THE SWORD!

YOU GOT SOMETHING THERE, BOYS!



AND IT'S OUR GOOD LUCK TO FIND A COMPRESSED AIR DRILL LYIN' AROUND TO HELP US GET THE SWORD! STOP THE CAR AND PILE OUT.



GEE, WHAT A NICE SOUND. JUST LIKE A TOMMY GUN!

YEAH, AND IT'LL BE THROUGH THAT STONE IN NO TIME!





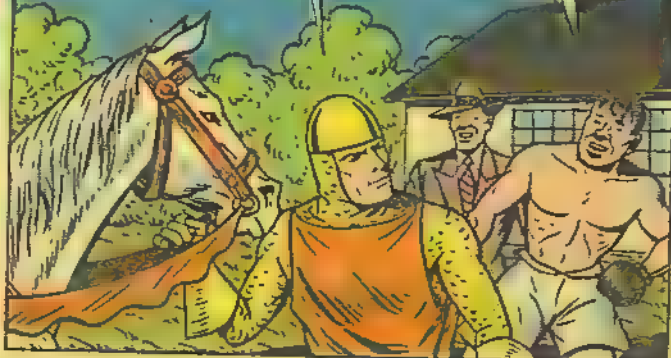
MEANWHILE...

GOSH, KNIGHT,
I DIDN'T MEAN
TO HIT YOU!
I'M SORRY...

AYE, THAT
I CAN UNDER-
STAND — BE-
CAUSE OF THEE
THE VILLAINS
HAVE STOLEN
STONE AND
SWORD!

BUT 'TIS IDLE TO WASTE
TIME ON REGRETS. PER-
HAPS MY BRAVE
STEED CAN OVER-
TAKE THE ROGUES!

I BET
HE CAN,
KNIGHT.
THEY HAVEN'T
BEEN GONE
LONG!



THE WINGED HORSE RISES INTO THE AIR...
AND AT ONCE SETS OUT ALONG THE PATH
OF A PAVED HIGHWAY!

AH, VICTORY, THOU HAST
NOTED WHICH WAY THE
THIEVES WENT AND PUR-
SUEST WITHOUT DELAY!
THOU ART A CLEVER
STEED.

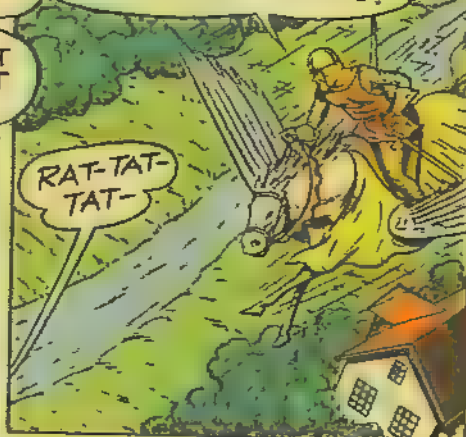
COME ON, WINDY,
LET'S FOLLOW
WHERE THE
SHINING KNIGHT
LEADS! I WANT
ANOTHER CRACK
AT THOSE RATS!



PRESENTLY...

AN OMINOUS
SOUND! LET US SEE
WHAT IT PORTENDS!

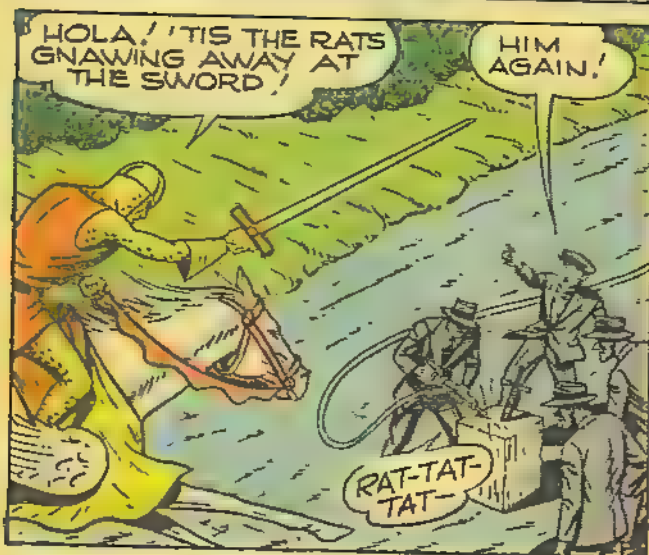
RAT-TAT-
TAT-



HOLA! 'TIS THE RATS
GNAWING AWAY AT
THE SWORD!

HIM
AGAIN!

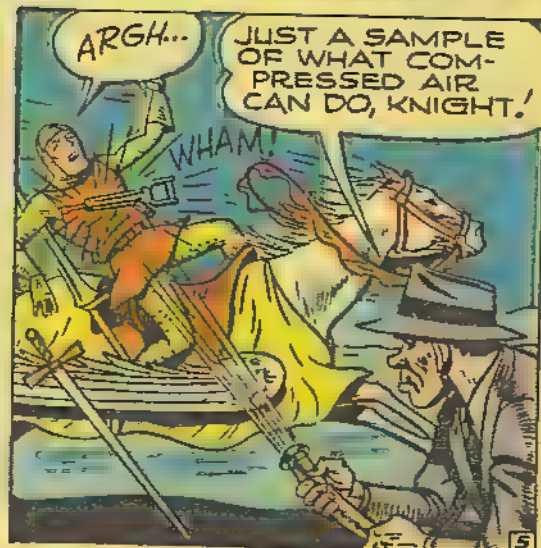
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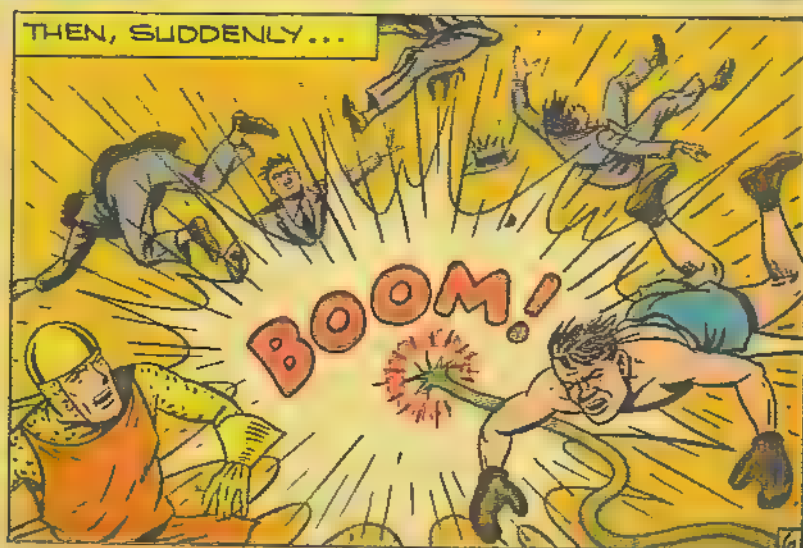
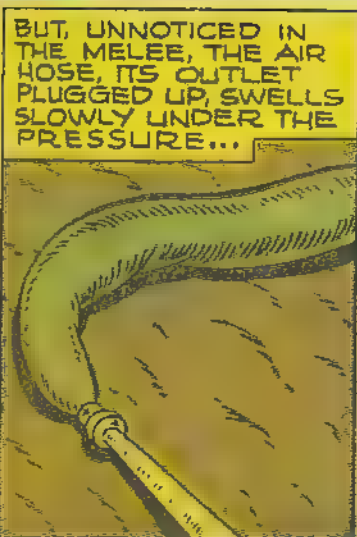
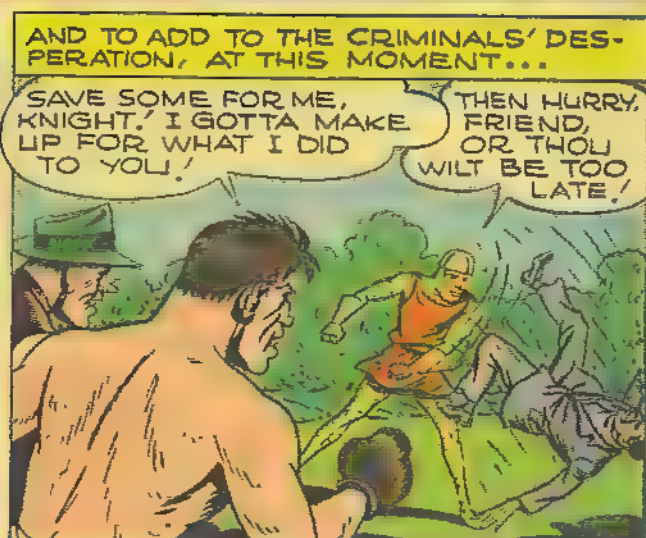
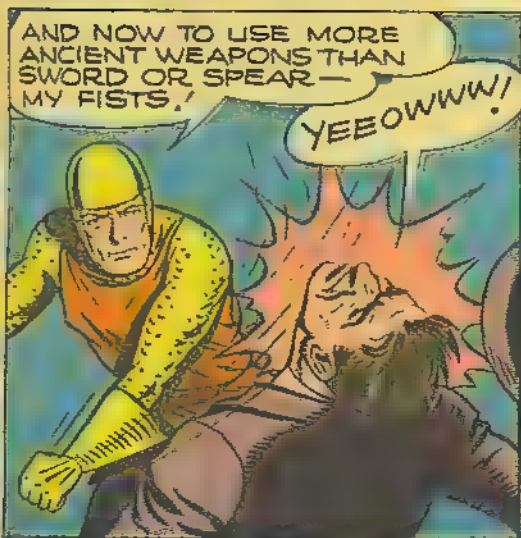
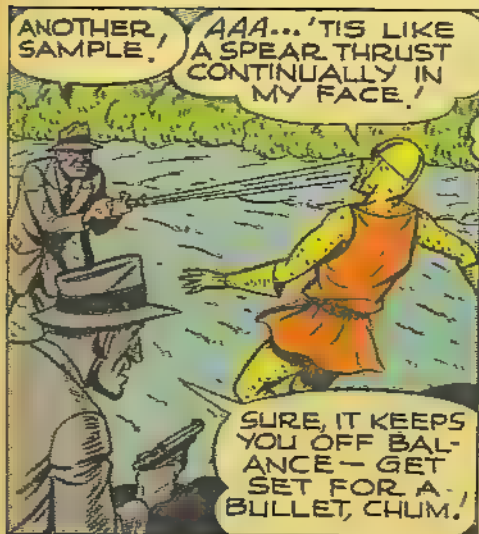


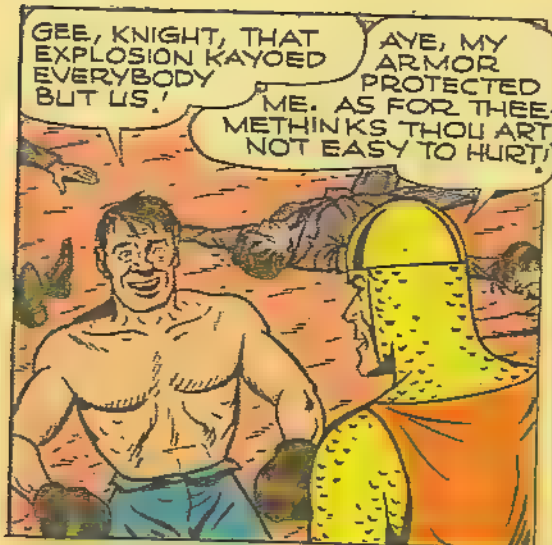
ARGH...

JUST A SAMPLE
OF WHAT COM-
PRESSED AIR
CAN DO, KNIGHT!

WHAM!

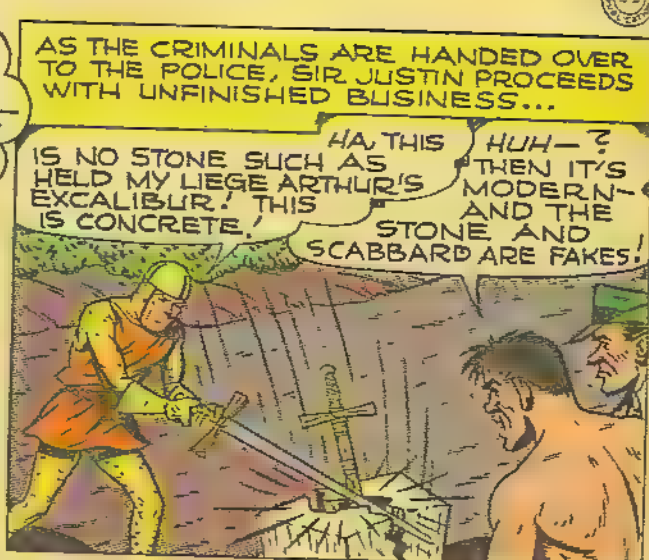






GEE, KNIGHT, THAT EXPLOSION KAYOED EVERYBODY BUT US!

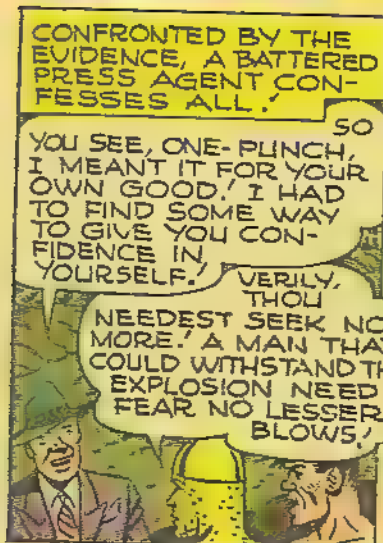
AYE, MY ARMOR PROTECTED ME. AS FOR THEE—METHINKS THOU ART NOT EASY TO HURT!



AS THE CRIMINALS ARE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE, SIR JUSTIN PROCEEDS WITH UNFINISHED BUSINESS...

IS NO STONE SUCH AS HELD MY LIEGE ARTHUR'S EXCALIBUR! THIS IS CONCRETE!

HA, THIS THEN IT'S MODERN—AND THE STONE AND SCABBARD ARE FAKES!



CONFRONTED BY THE EVIDENCE, A BATTERED PRESS AGENT CONFESSES ALL.

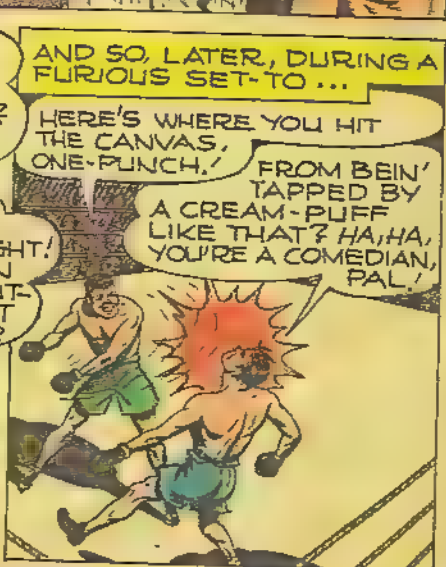
YOU SEE, ONE-PUNCH, I MEANT IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD. I HAD TO FIND SOME WAY TO GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF.

NEEDEST SEEK NO MORE! A MAN THAT COULD WITHSTAND THAT EXPLOSION NEED FEAR NO LESSER BLOWS!



AND AS FOR THY EARLY KNOCKOUT—DEEM IT NOUGHT! DIDST THOU NOT KNOCK ME OUT? SUCH MISHAPS BEFALL EVERYONE—'TIS THE OVERCOMING THEM THAT MAKES THE MAN!

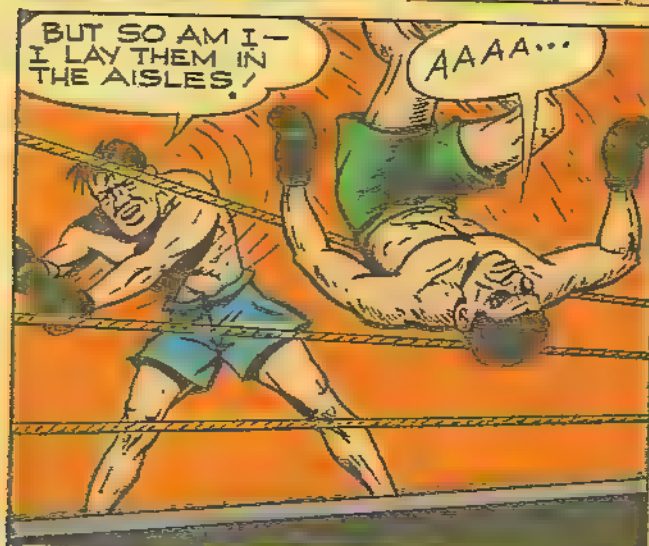
IF EVEN YOU CAN BE KNOCKED OUT—MAYBE I'M NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL!



AND SO, LATER, DURING A FURIOUS SET-TO ...

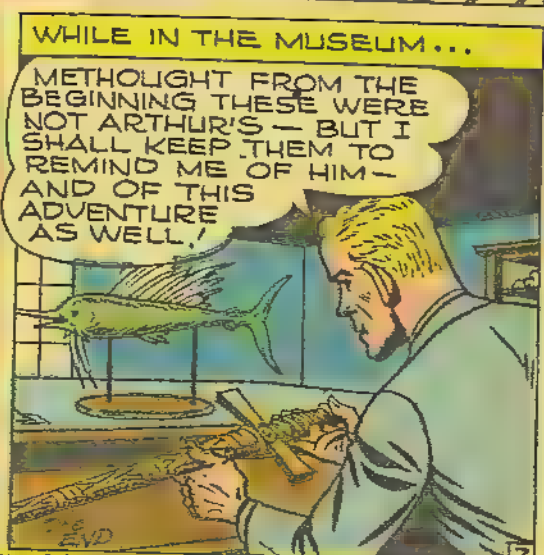
HERE'S WHERE YOU HIT THE CANVAS, ONE-PUNCH!

FROM BEIN' TAPPED BY A CREAM-PUFF LIKE THAT? HA, HA, YOU'RE A COMEDIAN, PAL!



BUT SO AM I—I LAY THEM IN THE AISLES!

AAAA...



WHILE IN THE MUSEUM...

METHOUGHT FROM THE BEGINNING THESE WERE NOT ARTHUR'S—BUT I SHALL KEEP THEM TO REMIND ME OF HIM—AND OF THIS ADVENTURE AS WELL!

Byron NELSON

CHAMPION ATHLETE
OF 1945



RECORDS SHATTERED AS NELSON BLASTED THRU THE 1945 SPORT SEASON. IN OCTOBER, HE SET A NEW WORLD'S MARK FOR 72 HOLES OF TOURNAMENT GOLF. HIS AMAZING 259 WAS 21 STROKES UNDER PAR

"WANT TO BE A GOLF CHAMPION?" -THAT'S THE TITLE OF TWO BOOKS IN WHEATIES NEW LIBRARY OF SPORTS. WRITTEN BY CHAMPION GENE SARAZEN (FOR BOYS) AND CHAMPION PATTY BERG (FOR GIRLS), THESE BOOKS HAND YOU THE RIGHT START TOWARD BEING A REAL CHAMPION. WHEATIES PACKAGE GIVES COMPLETE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET 14 ALL-STAR SPORTS MANUALS



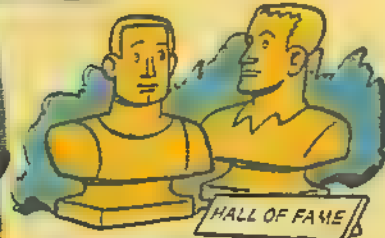
A BOOK FOR GUYS!

A BOOK FOR GALS!

SEE WHEATIES PACKAGE!

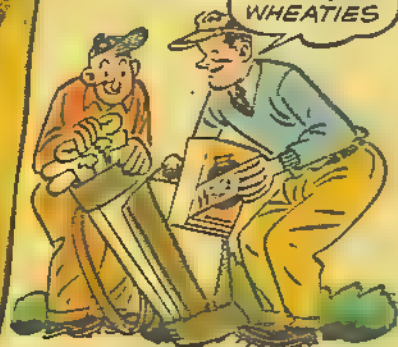


THAT BEATS US



PRACTICALLY INVINCIBLE DURING 1945, NELSON WON 18 MAJOR TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS--MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN GOLF HISTORY

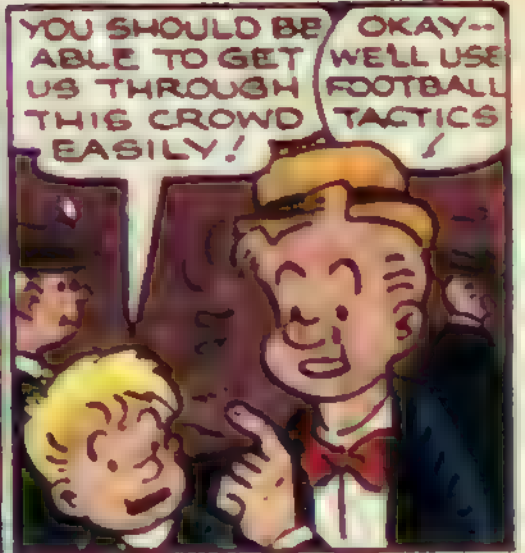
THE BIG POCKET IS FOR WHEATIES



"WHEATIES SURE KNOCK THE SPOTS OFF ANYTHING I'VE EVER TASTED IN THE LINE OF BREAKFAST FOODS," SAYS CHAMPION BYRON NELSON. "A BIG BOWL OF WHEATIES WITH LOTS OF MILK AND FRUIT IS A GREAT BREAKFAST DISH --ONE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS."



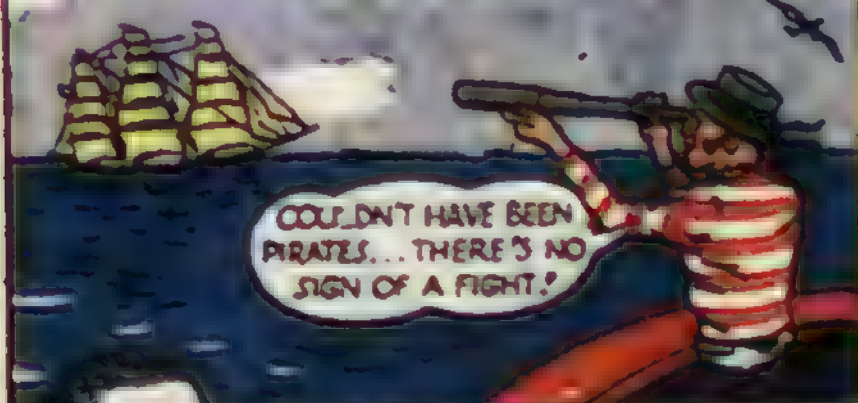
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HISTORY'S MYSTERIES

NO ONE KNOWS THE SECRET OF THE MARIE CELESTE, A SAILING SHIP THAT WAS FOUND ADRIPT IN PERFECT CONDITION ...WITH EVEN THE TABLES SET FOR DINNER...YET WITHOUT A SOUL ON BOARD!



EVERYONE KNOWS THAT SMITH BROTHERS COUGH DROPS ARE THE PLEASANTEST, SWELLEST-TASTING WAY TO RELIEVE COUGHS DUE TO COLDS!



SMITH BROTHERS COUGH DROPS
BLACK OR MENTHOL-5¢



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MARK

THE GREEN ARROW



BEWARE THE BLASTING BOLTS THAT HURLE FROM THIS ANCIENT BOW! FOR THOUGH YOU RUN TO THE FARTHEST CORNER OF THE EARTH, YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ITS SPECTRE SHAFTS! AND AS THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY, THOSE TWO ACE ARCHERS, COUNTER WITH THEIR WHIZZING WEAPONS OF MERE WOOD AND STEEL, THEIR LIVES BECOME THE STAKE IN THEIR DUEL WITH...

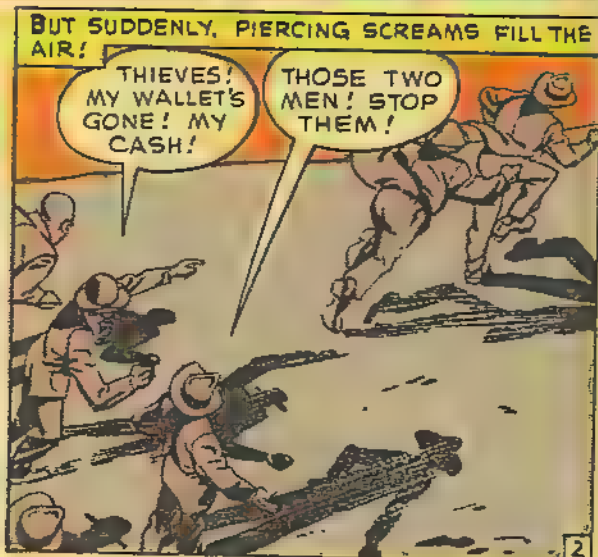
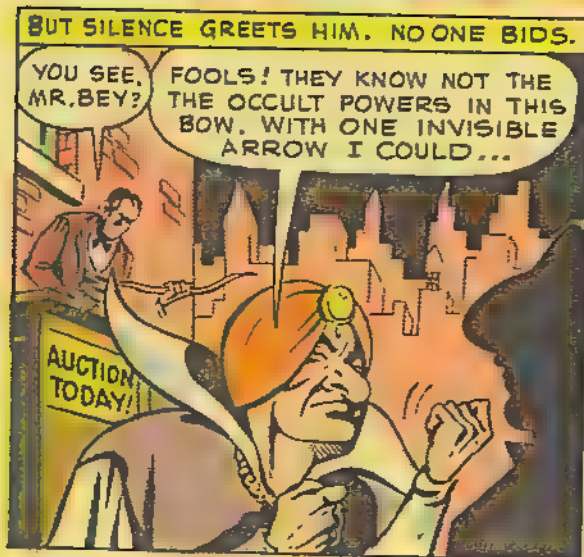
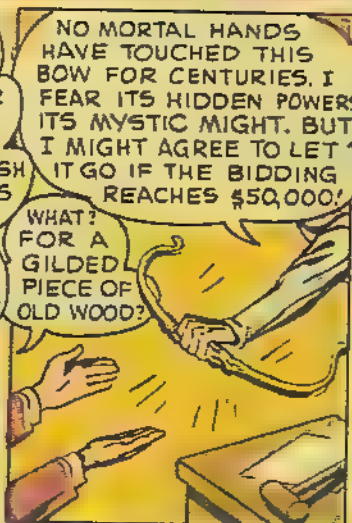
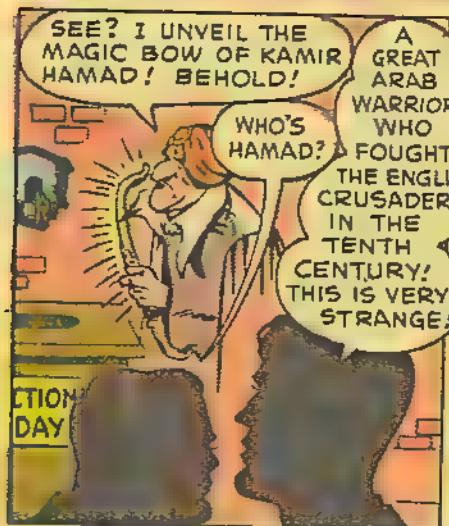
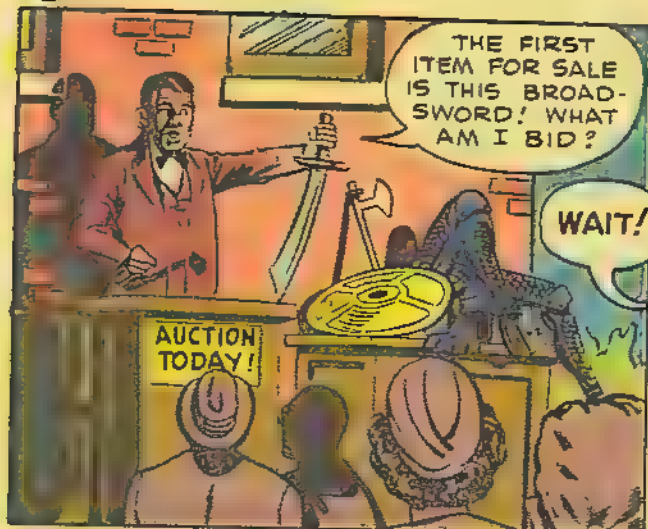
**"INVISIBLE
ARROWS!"**

AT THE AUCTION OF A RICH ESTATE, THE SALE OF ANTIQUE WEAPONS OF WAR HAS ATTRACTED OLIVER QUEEN AND YOUNG ROY HARPER...

MAYBE WE CAN PICK UP SOME PIECES FOR OUR COLLECTION, ROY...

THAT SUIT OF ARMOR, FOR IN-STANCE...





IN A SECLUDED NOOK, A LIGHTNING CHANGE TRANSFORMS OLIVER QUEEN AND ROY HARPER!

"ME FOR THE GREEN ARROW!

AND SPEEDY!

BUT BEFORE THE ARCHER CRIME-CATCHERS CAN LOOSE THEIR WHIZZING SHAFTS —

WAIT! MY BOW IS BETTER, MY ARROWS Surer!

WHAT?

BUT THERE'S NO STRING TO YOUR BOW! AND NO ARROW!

LEAVE HIM BE, SPEEDY! I WANT TO WATCH THIS!

ONCE, TWICE! AS EMIR BEY PLUCKS THE EMPTY AIR, HE SPEAKS STRANGE COMMANDS TO AN ARAB WARRIOR DEAD 1,000 YEARS!

KAMIR HAMAD, STRIKE GENTLY! DO NOT KILL! INVISIBLE ARROWS, FLY!

AND FAR DOWN THE ROAD, TWO MEN TUMBLE AS THOUGH LIGHTNING-STRUCK!

AAHH! AGH!

IT CAN'T BE TRUE! BUT...BUT...

NOW FETCH THEM! MY GENTLE ARROWS HURT THEM NOT!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN, G.A.? HOW DID HE STOP THOSE MEN?

WHILE THE CRY OF "THIEF" IS QUICKLY EXPLAINED, THE STRICKEN MEN SLOWLY RECOVER...

OH! MY... MY WALLET WAS IN MY POCKET ALL THE TIME!

THEN THESE MEN ARE INNOCENT! THEY'RE COMING TO!

WE RAN TO OUR CAR TO GET OUR CHECK-BOOKS!

AND THEN... THEN A BLINDING FLASH, A STUNNING BLOW! SO STRANGE!

SINCERE APOLOGIES. SO SORRY. PERHAPS NOW YOU WILL BELIEVE IN KAMIR HAMAD!

THE INVISIBLE ARROWS FROM THIS ANCIENT MAGIC BOW STRUCK THEM! THESE ARROWS GO WHERE I COMMAND!

I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT!

SCOFFERS AND SCORNERS, WATCH! I SHALL STRIKE THAT RUINED BELFRY'S BELL!

BUT HOW? WITH HIS BACK TURNED? AND NO STRING AND NO ARROW?

AND THE OLD BELL PEALS ITS BRAZEN NOTE EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NO CLAPPER!

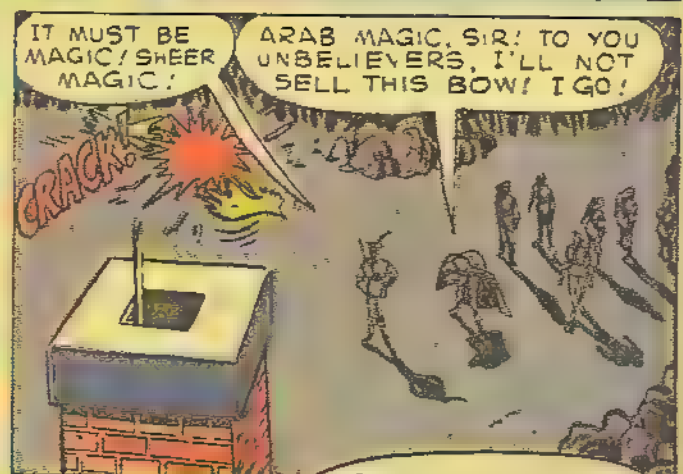
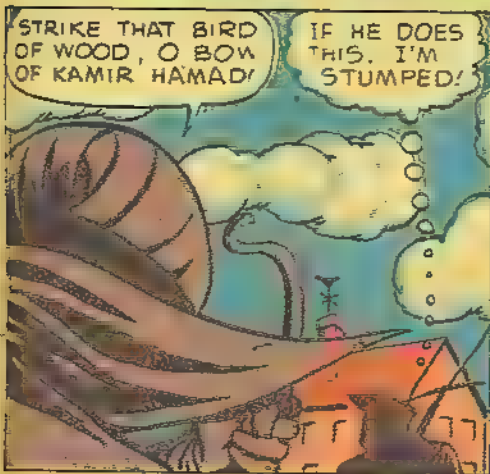
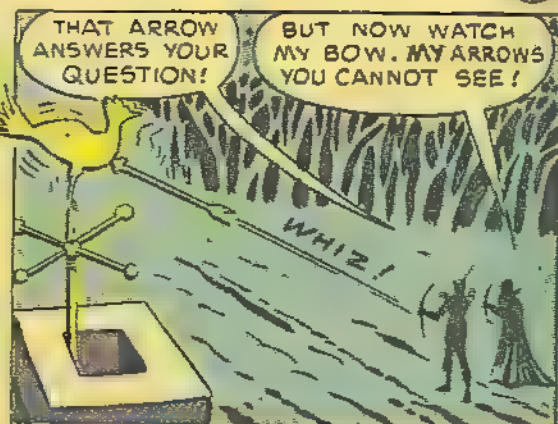
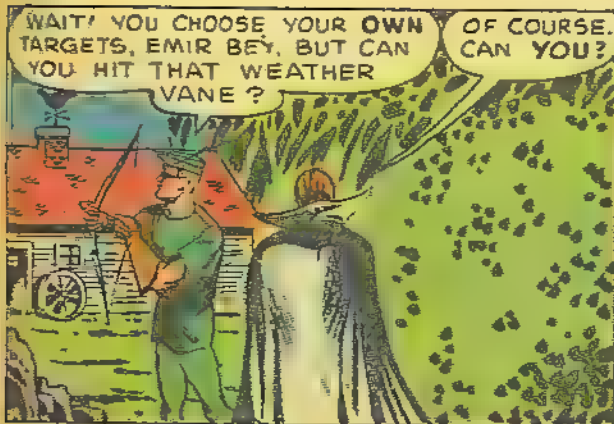
G.A. HE DID IT!

HMM... VERY STRANGE!

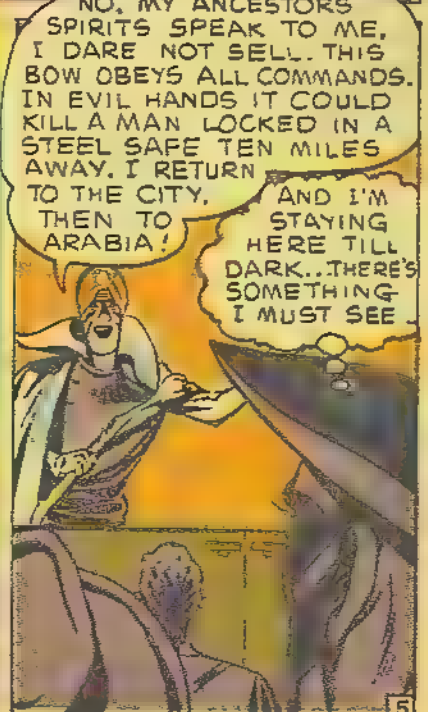
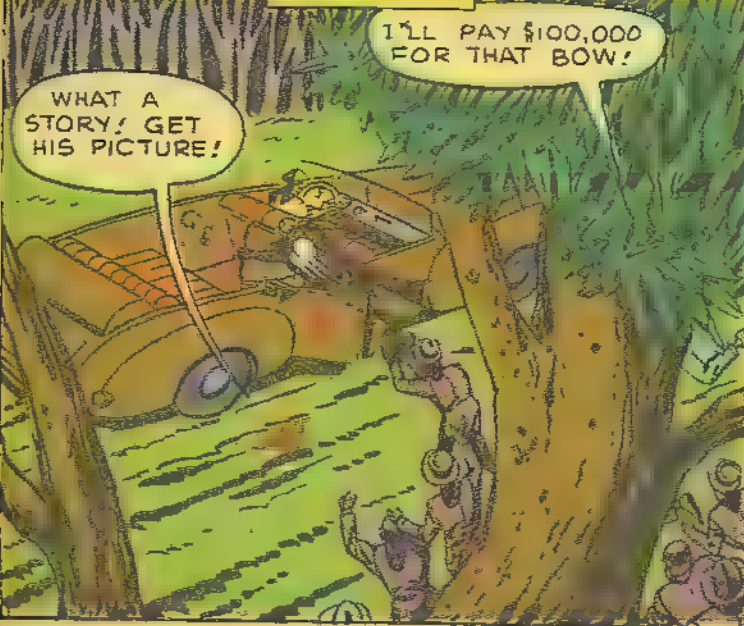
BONG!

AGAIN THE ARAB LIFTS HIS WEIRD WEAPON AND PLUCKS A BOWSTRING THAT ISN'T THERE!

ARROW! FLY AND HIT THAT BELL!



AND AS THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY STEP ASIDE IN DEFEAT, THE PRESSMEN AND MILLIONAIRES GO WILD!





LATE THAT NIGHT, A HISSING LEATHER LINE
LEAPS UP AT THE SHROUDED BELFRY!

ONLY WAY TO
REACH THAT
BELL. HOPE
MY LINE
HOLDS UP
THERE.

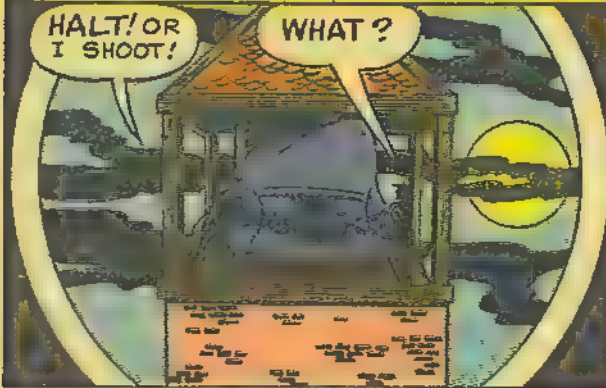
THE
BELL HAS
NO CLAPPER.
BUT WHOSE
FOOTSTEP
IS THAT?



TWO BOWS BEND IN THE GLOOM AS TWO
DEADLY ARROWS ARE NOTCHED!

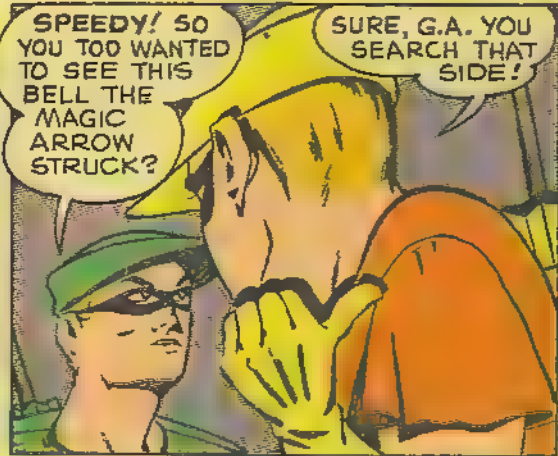
HALT! OR
I SHOOT!

WHAT?



SPEEDY! SO
YOU TOO WANTED
TO SEE THIS
BELL THE
MAGIC
ARROW
STRUCK?

SURE, G.A. YOU
SEARCH THAT
SIDE!



THE BELL WAS
STRUCK! SO
WE'VE GOT TO
GET BACK TO
THE CITY!

THEN THE ARAB'S
BOW IS CHARMED?
HIS MAGIC IS
REAL?



MORE REAL THAN YOU
THINK. WE MUST GET
THAT WEAPON! AND
ITS OWNER!





BUT AS THE PARTNER BOWMEN WHIZ INTO THE CITY IN THEIR ARROW CAR...

WUXTRA! WUXTRA! MAGIC BOW STOLEN! ARAB OFFERS REWARD!

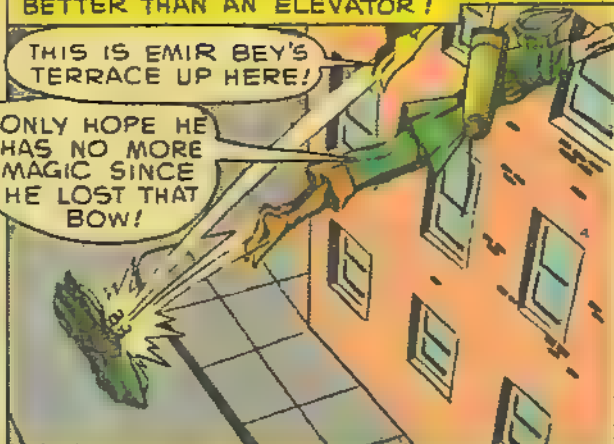
GET THAT PAPER, SPEEDY! IT WILL HAVE OUR MAN'S ADDRESS



A FRANTIC DASH THROUGH THE STREETS! AND THEN THE ARROWCAR'S CATAPULT IS BETTER THAN AN ELEVATOR!

THIS IS EMIR BEY'S TERRACE UP HERE!

I ONLY HOPE HE HAS NO MORE MAGIC SINCE HE LOST THAT BOW!



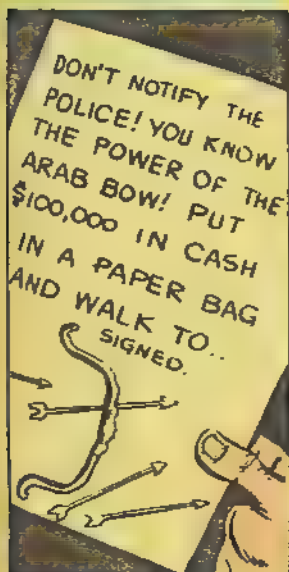
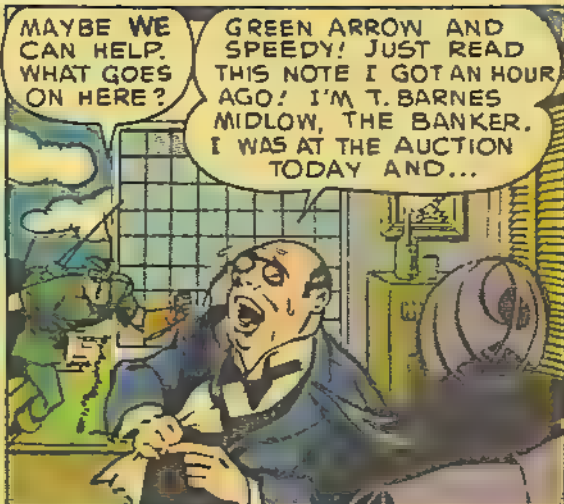
SHHH! LISTEN TO BEY!

HORRORS! THEN, SIR, MY BOW WAS STOLEN BY UNSCRUPULOUS MURDERERS! BUT HOW CAN I HELP YOU? IF ONLY I COULD!



MAYBE WE CAN HELP. WHAT GOES ON HERE?

GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY! JUST READ THIS NOTE I GOT AN HOUR AGO! I'M T. BARNES MIDLOW, THE BANKER. I WAS AT THE AUCTION TODAY AND...



THEY THREATENED TO SHOOT ME WITH A MAGIC INVISIBLE ARROW UNLESS I OBEY! SO I CAME TO -

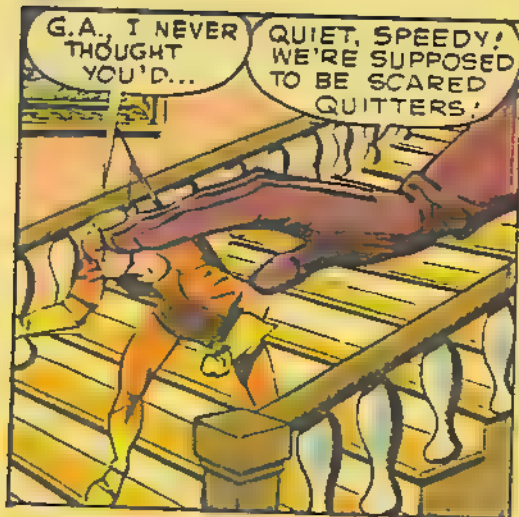
BUT THE BOW WAS STOLEN FROM ME LATE TODAY. OH, I WAS A FOOL TO UNVEIL KAMIR HAMAD'S BOW IN THIS FOREIGN LAND!



WHAT'S THIS? IS THE GREEN ARROW AGREEING TO BLACK-MAIL THREATS AND MURDER? IS HE TURNING COWARD, RUNNING AWAY?

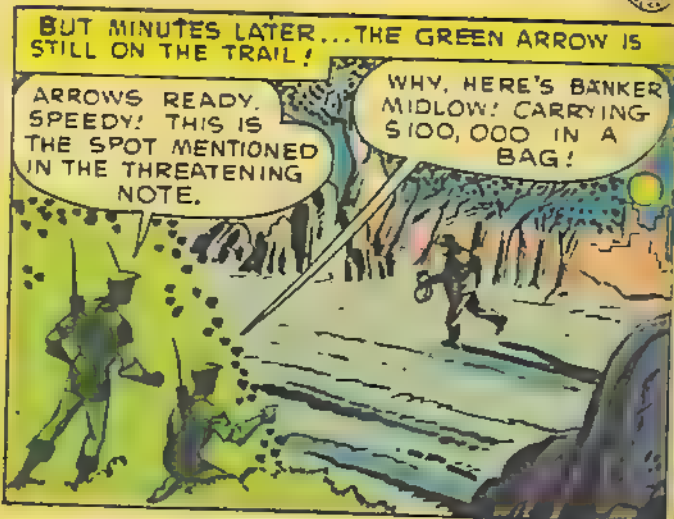
WHY, YOU MUST DO JUST AS THE NOTE SAYS, IF YOU WANT TO LIVE. SPEEDY, LET'S GET OUT WHILE WE'RE STILL SAFE!





G.A., I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D...

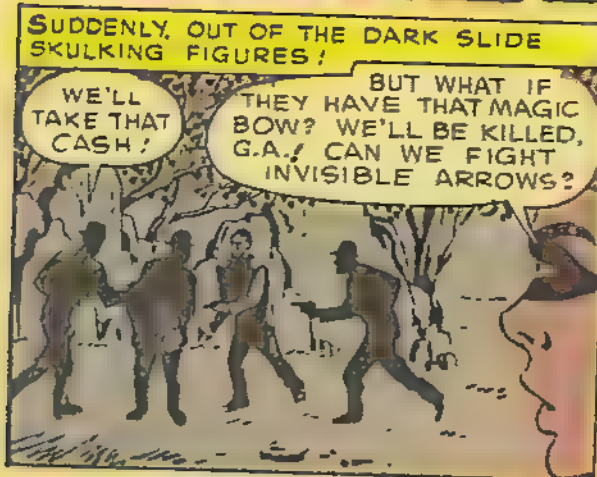
QUIET, SPEEDY! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SCARED QUITTERS!



BUT MINUTES LATER...THE GREEN ARROW IS STILL ON THE TRAIL!

ARROWS READY, SPEEDY! THIS IS THE SPOT MENTIONED IN THE THREATENING NOTE.

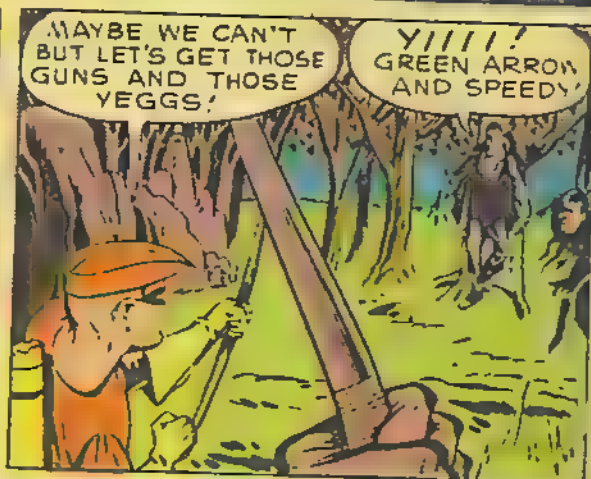
WHY, HERE'S BANKER MIDLOW! CARRYING \$100,000 IN A BAG!



SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE DARK SLIDE SKULKING FIGURES!

WE'LL TAKE THAT CASH!

BUT WHAT IF THEY HAVE THAT MAGIC BOW? WE'LL BE KILLED, G.A.! CAN WE FIGHT INVISIBLE ARROWS?



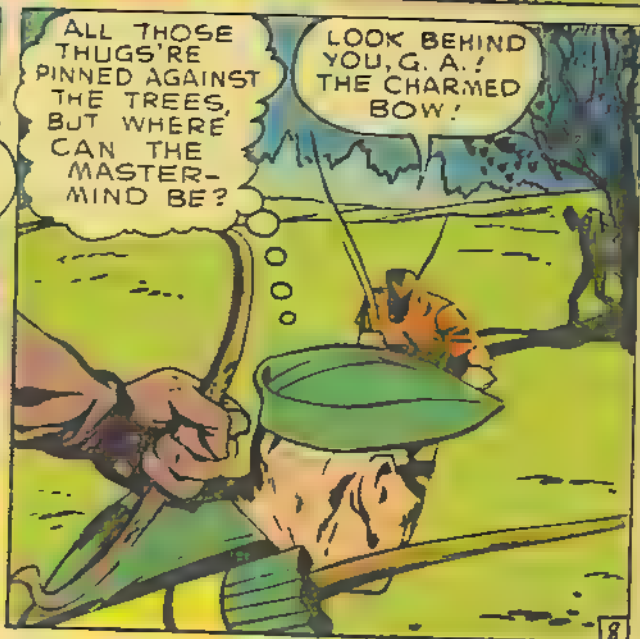
MAYBE WE CAN'T BUT LET'S GET THOSE GUNS AND THOSE YEGGS!

YIIII! GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY!



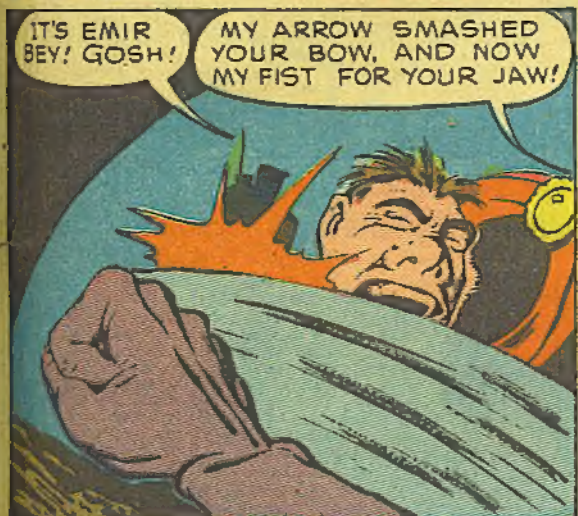
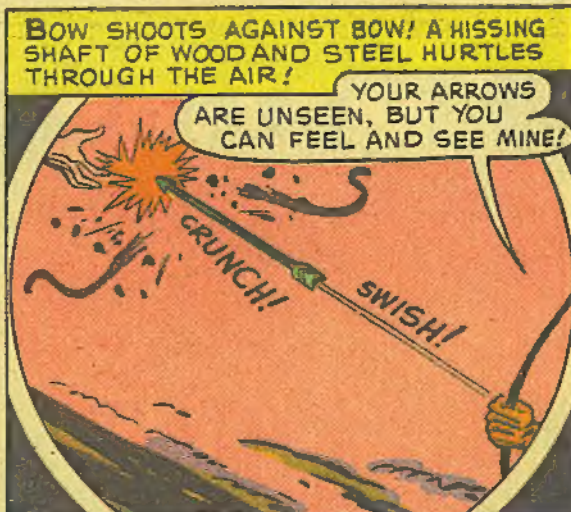
IF WE CAN PIN THEM TO THOSE TREES, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THAT BOW!

THE MAGIC BOW? I DON'T SEE IT!



ALL THOSE THUGS'RE PINNED AGAINST THE TREES, BUT WHERE CAN THE MASTER-MIND BE?

LOOK BEHIND YOU, G.A.! THE CHARMED BOW!



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